



The overall objective of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) Neuroscience Roadmap Scholars Program is to provide the necessary tools that will enhance engagement and retention of underrepresented graduate trainees in the neuroscience workforce. This will be accomplished through providing a highly supportive and specialized day-to-day educational and training environment. Interested and qualified graduate trainees are eligible for enrollment upon acceptance to the UAB Graduate School with emphasis on Neuroscience research.

This program is supported by the National Institutes of Health (NINDS R25 NS089463) and the UAB Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Below are the requirements for formal enrollment. Students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident from at least one of the groups described below (as defined in the [Notice of NIH's Interest in Diversity](#)):

1. Racial and ethnic groups such as Black or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.
2. Students with disabilities (physical or mental) as defined in the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#). Please contact UAB Disability Support Services for more information about accommodations.
3. Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, defined as those who meet two or more of the criteria defined in the [Notice of NIH's Interest in Diversity](#):
 - a. Were or currently are homeless, as defined by the [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#);
 - b. Were or currently are in the foster care system, as defined by the [Administration for Children and Families](#);
 - c. Were eligible for the [Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program](#) for two or more years;
 - d. Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree ([read more](#));
 - e. Were or currently are eligible for [Federal Pell grants](#);
 - f. Received support from the [Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children \(WIC\)](#) as a parent or child;
 - g. Grew up in one of the following areas: a) a U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) [Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer](#), or b) a [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas](#) (qualifying zip codes are included in the file). Only one of the two possibilities listed can be used as a criterion for the disadvantaged background definition.

THE PROGRAM OFFERS:

- Sustained Mentoring, Seminars and Workshops
- Annual Retreats
- Annual National Enhancement of Underrepresented Academic Leaders (NEURAL) Conference
- Conference and Research Travel Opportunities
- Networking Opportunities

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please send application materials to roadmap@uab.edu.

If you have any questions about the eligibility requirements or the program, please email roadmap@uab.edu.

Find more information about the UAB Neuroscience Roadmap Scholars Program at www.uab.edu/medicine/rms.

UAB Neuroscience Roadmap Scholars Program Application for Enrollment

PART I – APPLICANT INFORMATION

A	FULL LEGAL NAME	B	GENDER
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Last First Middle

Female Male

C	CITIZENSHIP	D	RACE/ETHNIC GROUP/STATUS (check all that apply)
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U.S. Citizen (born or naturalized)

U.S. Permanent Resident

Non U.S. Citizen

Birthplace

Alaskan Native	American Indian
Asian	Black or African American
Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino
Native Hawaiian	Pacific Islander
White	Student with Disability
Student from disadvantaged background	
Other/None of the Above	

E	HOME/PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS
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Street Address

City or Town State Zip Code

F	LOCAL MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS)
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Street Address

City or Town State Zip Code

G	TELEPHONE NUMBER/EMAIL ADDRESS
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Cell Phone Number Home Telephone Number E-mail Address

PART II – EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND *Please include the scale when indicating your grade point average (i.e. 4.0/5.0)

A	UNDERGRADUATE INFORMATION
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Undergraduate Institution Degree Received Date of Graduation

Major/Field of Study Major Grade Point Average* Overall Grade Point Average*

B	GRADUATE INFORMATION
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Graduate Program Current or Expected Concentration Mentor

PART II – EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND CONTINUED

C GRE INFORMATION

Quantitative: _____

Verbal: _____

Essay: _____

D REFERENCES

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

PART III – PERSONAL ESSAY

In 150 words or less, please describe your research interests, your career goals, and any activities you have participated in, combining your scientific experience with outreach opportunities. (Attach statement if more space is needed).

PART IV – PROGRAM COMMITMENT AND SIGNATURE

I certify that all parts of this application packet are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that:

- Submission of false information may be sufficient for denial or revocation of benefits
- My eligibility to continue in the Roadmap Scholars Program is contingent on my training in the neurosciences and actively participating in UAB Neuroscience Roadmap Scholars Program activities.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____