

Applications being accepted for Predoctoral Training in Obesity-Related Research

We are pleased to announce the potential availability of two (2) predoctoral fellowship positions for doctoral students wishing to train in the general area of obesity*. We seek motivated applicants with a desire to succeed and who can work in a team environment. Applications are due by **5 p.m., Monday, June 2, 2025**. This is an ideal opportunity to obtain the scientific publications and intellectual development that will lay the foundation for future successful professional development as an independent scientist. Applied experience is provided via co-mentorship by UAB's well-established NIH-funded investigators.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Doctoral student in good standing at UAB
- Be midway through 1st year in a doctoral program and prepared to enter 2nd year of training in August
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Express a long-term plan and expectation to work as an independent investigator in obesity-research
- Commit to meet all obligations of the training program (<https://www.uab.edu/norc/join-us/become-a-trainee/pre-doc/obligations-of-the-training-program>)
- Student and Mentor must prepare document outlining training goals and research objectives. Document should include statement of support from mentor regarding their willingness to work with trainee, and their evaluation of the trainee's potential (2-page limit)
- Student curriculum vitae
- Two letters of references to be sent to program directors. The letters should be from people who know the applicant and can accurately comment on their qualifications for this program (should not be from the proposed mentor)
- Complete the application (PDF)

Leadership Team:

- ❖ Program Director: Barbara A. Gower, PhD
- ❖ Associate Director for Curricular Education: José R. Fernández, PhD
- ❖ Associate Director for Professional & Career Development: Paula Chandler-Laney, PhD
- ❖ Docent for Clinical Science: Laura Q. Rogers, MD

ELIGIBILITY

This university-wide training program is open to students from any UAB graduate program. Research emphasis is on obesity, particularly as related to cardiovascular diseases.

APPLICATION

Applications are due by **June 2, 2025, at 5pm.**

Funding will begin **August 1, 2025.**

SUPPORT

Full stipend coverage, tuition, travel allowance, training expense funds, and an intensive program of mentorship and training.

Informational Meeting for Potential Applicants and Mentors on April 21, 2025, at 3:00 via zoom

<https://uab.zoom.us/j/6161755951?omn=89447366137>

Questions? Contact:

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