

UAB Pre-doctoral Training in Obesity-Related Research Obligations and Program Requirements Acceptance

Obligations for the Training Program

Your effort during the tenure of the training program should be devoted completely to the academic activities required by the graduate program and the academic requirements of the training grant. You will be expected to devote at least 20 hours per week on average to research projects under the supervision of a faculty mentor.

- Required Recurring Class
 - a. NTR 788: T32-funded students are required to enroll and attend each semester (Fall and Spring) while in the program. This course is offered on Tuesday from 12 to 2 p.m.
- Required Non-Recurring Classes
 - a. GRD 717 Principals of Scientific Integrity
 - b. NTR 779 Obesity in the 21st Century
 - c. GBS 758 New Perspectives in Cardiovascular Biology
- Participate in Tailored Dispersion Curricula (T32-funded students are required to take two courses outside of their disciplinary domain). Examples are provided below. You may take substitute courses with prior approval by the training program director.
 - a. Behavioral/Social
 - i. SOC 788 Social Medicine
 - ii. PSY 720 Human Neuropsychology
 - b. Quantitative
 - i. BST 611 and 612 (Statistical Analysis I and II)
 - ii. EPI 610 Principles of Epidemiologic Research
 - c. Biological/Medical
 - i. NTR 750 Body Composition and Energy Metabolism
 - ii. EPI 612 Nutritional Epidemiology
 - iii. GGS792 Epigenetics
- Required Participation in Specific Training Activities
 - a. Annual Workshop
 - b. Annual Retreat
 - c. Friday Journal Club

Financial Support from Mentor

The financial support consists of (i) an annual stipend of \$32,000 (the T32 from NHLBI provides \$29,364, and the remainder must be provided by your mentors or graduate program), paid over a 12-month period, and (ii) tuition, fees at a 60% rate, and health

insurance expenses at a 100% rate paid directly by the training program. Your primary mentor or graduate program will arrange for the remainder 40% of your tuition to be paid.

I agree to the obligations and program requirements for acceptance into the program.

Potential Trainee's Signature: _____

Potential Trainee's PhD Program _____

Mentor's Signature: _____

Trainee's PhD Program Director's Signature: _____