

Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) T32 Predoctoral Training Awards in Translational Research

BACKGROUND AND GUIDELINES

Application due date: 11/17/2022

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is seeking applicants for T32 Predoctoral Awards in Translational Research. These awards are designed to provide promising predoctoral students with the opportunity to be mentored in research-intensive, multi-disciplinary settings toward the goal of developing careers in translational research.

<https://ncats.nih.gov/translation/spectrum>

The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS), a component of the National Institutes of Health, defines translation as the process of turning observations in the laboratory, clinic, and community into interventions that improve the health of individuals and the public. This includes a wide range of research that includes diagnostics and therapeutics, medical procedures, and behavioral changes. NCATS is committed to fostering the recognition and growth of translational science as a field, as well as cultivating the next generation of translational scientists.

Research shows that diverse teams working together and capitalizing on innovative ideas and distinct perspectives outperform homogenous teams. Scientists and trainees from diverse backgrounds and life experience bring different perspectives, creativity, and individual enterprise to address complex scientific problems. There are many benefits that flow from a diverse NIH supported scientific workforce, including: fostering scientific innovation, enhancing global competitiveness, contributing to robust learning environments, improving the quality of the research, advancing the likelihood that underserved or health disparity populations take part in, and benefit from health research, and enhancing public trust.

Emphasis of CTSI predoctoral training awards are to move findings from basic laboratory and pre-clinical research (referred to as T1 research) toward the development of new treatment options or interventions or clinical trials (referred to as T2 research) to eventual dissemination or clinical implementation (referred to as T3 research) to studying population health outcomes and health metrics (referred to as T4 research). The phases of translational research may not necessarily be linear and can jump steps depending on the research project and the starting point. The goal of the CTSI is to make awards at all of these stages.

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It is important that the translational research have clear applications to human disease and health outcomes. To that end, predoctoral training through this CTSI program is viewed as a collaborative endeavor among the trainee, the primary mentor, and the co-mentor. Therefore, the application must be completed by both the primary mentor and the applicant.

Funding is for two years, in 12-month increments, (with the 2nd year of funding contingent upon satisfactory progress). All trainees are required to pursue their research training full time, normally defined as 40 hours per week, or as specified by the sponsoring institution in accordance with its own policies.

Eligibility criteria for application include:

- Training year in the PhD program:
 - Applicants currently in a PhD program must have completed at least one year of their predoctoral training program but cannot have completed more than their third year (i.e., applicants must be in the **second or third year** of their pre-doctoral program at the time of the T32 award start date on July 1, 2023).
 - MD/PhD applicants must be in their **first year of study** in the PhD portion of their program.
- Applicants must be from Indiana-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indiana University - Bloomington, Purdue University - West Lafayette, or the University of Notre Dame.
- Applicants must receive interdisciplinary mentorship from a team consisting of both: (a) a clinician or clinician-scientist with a doctoral degree, and (b) a basic or non-clinician scientist with a doctoral degree. This means there must be at least two mentors (i.e., one person cannot fill both roles). Either one may serve as primary mentor.
- The primary mentor must have a research program that includes peer reviewed, extramurally funded research.
- Candidates' proposed research should be translational in nature and take advantage of the synergism that comes from working at this basic/clinical interface or clinical/community interface.
- Per NIH eligibility requirements, only U.S. citizens or permanent residents are eligible to apply.

Award opportunities and requirements include:

- Annual stipend comparable to other predoctoral training positions and health insurance.
- Partial tuition remission for coursework relevant to the applicant's research.
- Travel funds to attend the National Association of Clinical and Translational Sciences (ACTS) meeting in Washington DC in the spring to present a poster.

- Attend and present a poster at the annual Indiana CTSI meeting in the fall.
- Present research at several Indiana CTSI predoctoral gatherings during the academic year.
- Mentoring from an interdisciplinary team of faculty members whose research includes peer reviewed, extramurally funded clinical or translational research.
- Networking with other pre and postdoctoral trainees, program mentors and allied researchers from multiple institutions in Indiana to develop a cross-disciplinary community of scientists.
- Opportunities for experiential learning that expand your research and broaden your understanding of the field and its application to human health and disease.

Submission deadline is 11:59 PM 11/17/2022.

Include all materials listed on the “Procedures for Submission” document, except for the Letters of Support, as separate PDF files and upload to WebCAMP.

Please note that you will be submitting through the Indiana CTSI’s grants management software, WebCAMP. Please allow enough time to be familiar with the system.

The WebCAMP user’s guide is also available under the funding announcement [here](#):

Applications will be reviewed by the Indiana CTSI T32 Predoctoral Training Selection Committee.

Decision letters will be sent to applicants and their mentors in early March 2023.

Awards start July 1, 2023*.

**Subject to the renewal of the Indiana Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) and the component T32 grant submitted and pending review.*

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