

Request for Applications

Pre-Doctoral Clinical / Translational Research (CCTS T Program) Option for MS/MSPH Degree

Full-time mentored research training experience with stipend

This **mentored research training program** is currently accepting applications from **doctoral students in health-related profession programs**. The mission of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) is to **address disparities and/or diseases disproportionately represented in the Deep South**.

Full-time doctoral students at CCTS partner institutions seeking an MD, PhD, DDS, DMD, DVM, and dual-degrees are invited to apply. This includes students in the following health-related professional programs:

- Medicine
- Bioengineering
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Clinical Psychology/Psychiatry
- Public Health/Epidemiology
- Optometry/Ophthalmology
- Physical Therapy/Rehab Medicine
- Biomedical Sciences
- Informatics

In addition to actively engaging in a 12- or 24-month mentored research experience, trainees will:

- ❖ Experience dynamic learning with multi-disciplinary peers of excellence
- ❖ Have access to pool of 30+ experienced mentors
- ❖ Benefit from career-enriching training
- ❖ Gain exposure to epidemiological & statistical methodologies

This one- or two-year fellowship offers:

- **NRSA stipend (currently \$27,144)** for full-time multidisciplinary mentored research training
- **\$1,500 Travel support** for ACTS national meeting
- **Up to \$16,000 tuition support** towards Master's degree/certificate/coursework
- **Training-related expenses** available to support health insurance & research related costs

ELIGIBILITY: Candidates must be U.S. citizens or have permanent residency status. Eligible applicants will be *full-time doctoral students in the CCTS Partner Network that will have completed the first two years of their doctoral degree by July 2024*. Candidates must be able to demonstrate a commitment to full-time research training.

APPLICATION: The following materials are required (submission as one PDF; see website below):

1. Current CV including GPA and relevant test scores (i.e.: GRE Scores V, Q, Adv and/or MCAT or PCAT Scores)
2. Official letter of good standing from current pre-doctoral program (usually comes from the local Registrar's office)
3. Letters of recommendation (2), one optimally from a potential mentor
4. Three-page personal statement that addresses **a**) Reason for interest in translational research, **b**) Research experience to date, **c**) Goals for research training & career development including degree attainment proposed, **d**) Project plans for research year (see *instructions on website*), and **e**) How proposed project addresses health disparities/diseases that disproportionately affect the Deep South. Guidance can be found on the website below.

For assistance identifying co-mentors across the CCTS partner network, please contact Jeanne (contact below).

SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS: The interested applicant will submit their application online:
<https://www.uab.edu/ccts/training-academy/research-fellowships/tl1>



Application materials are due by **December 15, 2023**.

CONTACT: For questions regarding eligibility, program requirements, and the application process, please contact Jeanne Merchant (jmerchant@uabmc.edu or 205.492.9744).

The **CCTS Partner Network** includes Universities of Alabama, Alabama at Birmingham, Auburn, South Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana State, Tulane and Tuskegee as well as the research institutions of Hudson-Alpha Institute for Biotechnology, Pennington Biomedical Research Center and Southern Research. **Supported by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences**

