

TL1 Predoctoral Clinical Research Training Program Call for Applications (Graduate Students)

Deadline to submit — February 26, 2021, by 5 p.m.

All applications and supporting documents must be **submitted electronically in a single PDF file** to
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The CTSC is pleased to announce a call for graduate student applicants to receive research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) sponsored **TL1 Predoctoral Clinical Research Training Program (CTSC-TL1)**. The **CTSC-TL1** program is part of a fully integrated approach by the UC Davis CTSC to advance research education and training for multidisciplinary, clinical and translational investigators working to improve human health. The overall goal of the CTSC-TL1 program is to provide predoctoral medical students and basic science students with skills required to develop a career in multidisciplinary clinical and translational research relevant to human health. The **CTSC-TL1** training program is expected to strongly advantage scholars in preparing for successful careers in translational research. Our program is strongly committed to diversity and inclusion and would especially welcome applications from historically underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups.

Graduate students pursuing health-related research and enrolled in UC Davis Ph.D. programs are eligible to apply. Scholars will be selected based on a competitive application process in which student academic qualifications, career goals, and the quality of the training environment will be important considerations for funding. CTSC TL1 graduate student positions are funded by the CTSC.

Applicants must identify a potential faculty mentor and develop a proposed research plan in consultation with that mentor to be submitted with the application. The award is initially for one year with the option of a second year based on the progress of the trainee (June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2023). Award recipients are required to make a full-time research commitment to the training program and all components of the training program, including the proposed research, didactic instruction, and clinical experiences, while simultaneously meeting the requirements of their respective graduate programs.

While in the program, awardees will receive a stipend and resident graduate student fees (equivalent to those of a California resident), as well as funds for research and travel expenses. Please be advised that the research budget must be administered under the current NIH directive with respect to clinical trial research and can only be used to offset research costs that do not directly support clinical trials. For example, TL1 funds may not be used to pay subjects or purchase medications. In addition, all funds must be managed by UC Davis and not by off-site entities. As always, direct billing for services is permitted. All budgetary items should be reviewed and approved prior to initiating studies.

PLEASE NOTE: All funding is contingent upon final NIH Notice of Award for the CTSC and TL1 program funding.

Eligibility Criteria

- UC Davis predoctoral graduate student in good standing
- Strong academic credentials and good communication skills
- Ability to commit to all requirements of the training program, including a 5-week summer didactic session
- Proposed research project must be relevant to human health
- Interest in developing a career in multidisciplinary, translational biomedical research
- Identification of a faculty mentor and strong mentor support
- No previous support from CTSC training programs such as the HHMI-IMBI or CTSC TL1

Application Procedure:

Candidates must submit a formal application with the following supporting documents in a single PDF file:

- Completed CTSC-TL1 Training Program application form and CV
- Two letters of recommendation, one must be from the proposed faculty mentor(s)
- Mentor's biosketch

For questions or to receive an application, please contact Connie Koog at cdkoog@ucdavis.edu.

Applications will be reviewed by a CTSC committee chaired by Valentina Medici, M.D.

**There will be a Q&A session for this program on December 7, noon - 1 p.m. via Zoom.
Email [Connie Koog](mailto:cdkoog@ucdavis.edu) for the Zoom link.**