**CCTS T32 Predoctoral Program Application Instructions**

Visit the T32 program website and click “Apply Here”: <https://www.uab.edu/ccts/training-academy/research-fellowships/tl1>.

Complete the online form and upload your application packet as a single PDF, including the following elements in this order:

1. Personal statement, using the following section headings. Personalize length of each section with overall **3-page maximum**.
2. Reason for interest in translational research
3. Research experience to date
4. Goals for research training and career development; include coursework if proposed
5. Project plans for research year include the following sections:
   1. Project title and primary mentor
   2. Introduction and background
   3. Objectives / Aims
   4. Significance of proposed work
   5. Key methods and outcomes of interest
   6. Project timeline (MD students=12 months; PhD students=24 months)
6. How project addresses CCTS mission (addressing health disparities and/or diseases that disproportionally affect the Deep South)
7. Current CV including GPA and relevant test scores (i.e.: GRE Scores V, Q, Adv and/or MCAT or PCAT Scores) \*if available (i.e., medical students may not have GPA)
8. Official letter of good standing from current doctoral program (from the local Registrar’s office)
9. Letters of recommendation (2), one optimally from primary mentor. These will be included in your single PDF upload. If your letter writer would like to put the Director’s name and address at the top of the letter, you can use this information:

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Use Arial, 11-pt font. Please include your name in the header of your application packet.

Use this format to name your PDF: LASTNAME\_FIRSTNAME\_T32 Predoc

FAQs

* Applications are due December 16, 2024. Select applicants will be invited to interview via zoom in January/early February 2025, with final decisions by the end of February. Appointments start July 1, 2025.
* References are encouraged and **do not** count toward your 3-page personal statement maximum. You can add extra pages for references; there is no page limit for references.
* GPA and test scores can be included in your CV; no additional documentation/transcripts are needed.
* Letters of recommendation get sent to the applicant and should be included in the PDF packet.
* Margins should use the NIH standard (1/2 inch).
* Your application should address your research project, mentorship plan (can be included in your mentor’s letter of support), and a didactic element if you propose one (such as a certificate or Masters for year-out medical students).
* The traineeship allows for 8% F&A.