

Request for Applications Pre-Doctoral Clinical / Translational Research (CCTS T32 Program) Option for 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 support ***translational research that addresses conditions/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
- ❖ Experienced mentors
- ❖ Benefit from career-enriching training
- ❖ Career-enriching translational training included at the CCTS Jamboree and Symposium

This one- or two-year fellowship offers:

- **NRSA stipend (currently \$29,364)** for full-time multidisciplinary mentored research training
- **\$1,500 Travel support** for ACTS national meeting
- **\$3,000 Childcare** reimbursement
- **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 most of your required coursework by July 2027 and will not defend their PhD before June 2028***. 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
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 from a primary mentor that outlines the mentoring plan
4. Four-page personal statement that addresses **a)** Reason for interest in translational research, **b)** Research experience to date, **c)** How proposed project addresses conditions/diseases that disproportionately affect the Deep South, **d)** Mentoring team structure & project timeline, **e)** Goals for translational research training and career development; include organizational plans and/or coursework, **f)** Project plans for research year (see *instructions on website*). Guidance can be found on the website below. **You are encouraged to read the instructions on the website.**

SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS: The interested applicant will submit their application online:

<https://go.uab.edu/predoc-t32>.

Application materials are due by January 8, 2027.

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

