UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND BALTIMORE

INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL & TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

2024 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ICTR T32 POST-DOCTORAL

CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING AWARD*

Application Deadline: March 1st, 2024, 5:00 PM EST

*Formerly known as ICTR/CTSA TL1 post-doctoral program

OVERVIEW

The University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB) Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) T32 Post-doctoral Program is a collaborative effort amongst seven University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB) Schools including School of Dentistry, School of Law, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy, School of Social Work, and the Graduate School, as well as the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) and University of Maryland College Park (UMCP).

Funding for this award will be provided through UMB ICTR internal funds and, potentially, partial grant funding through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), a partnership between UMB and Johns Hopkins University (JHU).

The terms of this award are according to the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees, and Other Budgetary Levels.

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A. TERMS

- **Start Date:** July 1st, 2024.
- **Duration:** T32 POST-Doctoral Program is *two years*.
- **Stipends, Tuition/Fees, etc.** - Terms of this award are according to the [Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels](#) *Please note that the scale guideline is for your reference only as it is due for a fiscal year update which may change amounts.*

B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- United States Citizen or Permanent Resident.
- Must have received a PhD, MD, DDS, or comparable doctoral degree by the beginning date of the appointment.
- If funded by the T32 training program, no other concurrent Federal funding is allowed.
- Eligible doctoral degrees include, but are not limited to, DMD, DC, DO, DVM, OD, DPM, ScD, EngD, AuD, DPT, DPH, DNSc, PharmD, DNP, ND, DSW, and PsyD.
- No more than 1 year of previous aggregate NRSA support.

C. TRAINEE COMITTMENT

- Pursue research training full time (40 hours per week).
- Attend didactic training seminars at both UMB and JHU. Online or hybrid format currently offered.
- A Clinical and Translational Research Project and Primary Mentor is required.
- Pursue training as a clinical or non-clinical postdoctoral fellow and complete a master's degree in an area of clinical research.
- Students must maintain good academic standing and a minimum semester GPA of 3.0.
- Clinical fellows would have to satisfy requirements for specialty clinical boards.

Post-Doctoral TL1 Program Milestones/Timeline:

REQUIREMENT	DURATION
Engagement in full time (100% effort) in mentored research or education activities	Continuous throughout the T32 Post-Doctoral program
Participation in Monthly T32 Seminars and biannual Community Research Advisory Council (C-RAC) Community Engagement Events. Online or hybrid format currently offered.	Monthly (>75% attendance needed)
Individual Development Plan	As instructed

REQUIREMENT	DURATION
Submission and presentation of research at the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) National Meeting in the Spring	Year 1 and/or year 2 as budget allows
Submit progress reports to ICTR	Semi-annual and yearly as well as at the end of the training
Attend K-award writing workshops	As offered
Attend manuscript writing workshop (optional)	As offered
Attend joint K12/T32 Workshops	As offered
Attend Career Development workshops	As offered
Meet with Primary Mentor	Every two weeks or more
Present at Research-in-Progress Symposium and Community Research Advisory Council (C-RAC)	As instructed
Expected to publish research (a minimum of 2 research papers with at least one as first author)	By the conclusion of training
Educational Requirements: T32 Post-Doctoral Scholars are expected to register and complete one of the available UMB Master's Programs **UMBC and UMCP Applicants:** Encouraged to enroll in either UMB or relevant programs at their respective schools.	Year 1 and Year 2
Students must maintain good academic standing, a minimum semester GPA of 3.0	

D. APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Required Supporting Documents

- Cover letter.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- Personal Statement 1-3 pages in size 12 Arial font (please include project title, a brief description of the project, short and long-term research goals, research interest, and which specific master's or certificate program you plan to pursue if selected for the T32 award). Literature Cited will not count toward page limit.
- **Applicant must submit a concurrent graduate school application** *HERE* (requires an application fee-Please contact ICTR-Navigator@umaryland.edu for fee-waiver prior to

applying). When submitting the graduate application, please state you are applying for the ICTR Training Program. You will also need to select the appropriate residency information on the application for tuition purposes (in-state vs. out-of-state). The personal statement for the T32 Application and the MS Essay is the same document. In addition, the letters of recommendation for the T32 Award are, also, the same as the letters of recommendation for the MS Application.

- UMBC and UMCP applicants who choose to apply for a program at their respective school, should follow the application guidelines for their school's program.
- Transcripts from all higher-level institutions attended (unofficial transcripts will suffice for application).
- Two reference letters emailed directly from recommenders to ICTR-Navigator@umaryland.edu **no later than the application deadline.**
    - one letter of reference from a **former** professor/mentor **and**
    - one letter of reference from the **current** mentor along with the current mentor's NIH biosketch. The current mentor's letter of reference should comment on their previous mentoring experience, their level of commitment to the trainee, and the applicant's research experience, research abilities and potential to become a researcher, verbal and written communication, need for additional training, perseverance, etc. **The current mentor's level of commitment with the trainee and the mentor's prior experience are important components of the application.**

Post-doctoral appointment must NOT be contingent on the T32 Award

2. **Submitting Supporting Documents**

ALL required documents must be submitted electronically by March 1ˢᵗ, 2024**, 5:00 PM EST. Late or** incomplete **applications cannot be considered.**

- **UMB** applicants must use their UMID to log into the electronic application link found *HERE*
- **University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)** and **University of Maryland College Park (UMCP)** applicants must submit a request for an electronic application *HERE.*
- **Reference letters need to be emailed directly from recommenders to ICTR-Navigator@umaryland.edu by the application deadline.**

E. **SELECTION PROCESS**

The ICTR review and interview committees will be comprised of members from all UMB schools, specifically including each school's Academic Dean and/or Dean of Research (or designee), at least two other faculty members, a representative from the Graduate School and/or master's program, faculty from UMBC and UMCP, and a Diversity Advocate. The reviewers for the applications will be selected from across professional schools. The selection committee will convene to discuss all applications and reviews. The top candidates will be invited for an interview. Our goal is to select candidates who, with proper career development and clinical and/or translational research training, have potential to become independently funded, successful, and ethical clinical investigators.

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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The UMB ICTR is committed to increasing the participation of populations underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. These include women, individuals from ethnic or racial groups – such as Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders – as well as individuals with disabilities or from disadvantaged backgrounds. Applications from women and minority candidates, as well as individuals with disabilities and disadvantaged backgrounds, are encouraged. Accommodations will be made to assist individuals with disabilities so those persons who are qualified applicants can complete the program.

F. CONTACT US

Applicants and/or nominating mentors should contact the UMB T32 Program Director or Associate Director to discuss eligibility requirements, obtain guidance about any special circumstances, or discuss other aspects of the T32 award and its terms.

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