

## TL1 Postdoctoral Clinical Research Training Program Call for Applications

**Deadline to submit – March 6, 2022, by 10 p.m.**

All applications must be **submitted electronically in a single PDF file** to:  
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The UC Davis CTSC is pleased to announce a call for postdoctoral applicants to receive research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) sponsored **TL1 Postdoctoral 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 TL1 program is to provide postdoctoral scholars with the 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.

Postdoctoral scholars pursuing health-related research 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.

Applicants must work with a UC Davis faculty mentor and develop a proposed research plan in consultation with that mentor to be submitted with the application. Award recipients are required to make a one-year (June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023) commitment to all components of the training program, which includes the proposed research, didactic instruction, and exposure to clinical care. An extension for a second year is possible if milestones are being met. Scholars may earn a master's in clinical research, if they choose, during the training.

Awardees will receive a stipend, funds for research, and travel expenses. For those pursuing the M.A.S. in Clinical Research, full tuition will be covered. 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.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Current UC Davis postdoctoral scholar OR eligible for recruitment to UC Davis
  - For those who apply outside of UC Davis, you must be hired under one of the following UC Davis postdoctoral scholar employment title codes: 3252, 3253, or 3254 by June 1, 2022 start date to be eligible for the program
- U.S. citizen, noncitizen nationals, or have legal admission into the U. S. as a permanent citizen at the time of application (temporary or student visas are NOT eligible)
- There is a three-year limit on NRSA Postdoctoral T32 training
- Applicants must have completed their dissertation by the start of the program (June 1, 2022)
- Strong academic credentials and excellent communication skills
- Ability to commit to all requirements of the training program, including an observer in selected clinical rotations
- 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

**Application Procedure:**

Candidates must submit a written application electronically in a single PDF file with the following information included in the application:

1. **Application cover sheet** (see below)
2. **Research Proposal** should include the following sections (3-5 pages max):
  - Project Title
  - Significance/Statement of Problem
  - Aims
  - Research question/Hypothesis
  - Methodology
  - Research Design
  - Project timeline
  - Career Development Goals (1/2 page)
3. **Mentoring Plan** – it is expected that this section would be jointly written with the applicant and mentor(s) and will include the following:
  - The mentoring plan must make clear how the disciplinary expertise of each mentor will contribute to the candidate's research and training plans. It should describe how the mentors plan to work together and what each will contribute to the candidate's research and training.
  - The mentoring plan should describe specific plans for the frequency of contact between the mentors and the candidate and identify expectations for candidate productivity (i.e., expectations regarding manuscripts, submission of applications for extramural funding, etc.). They should indicate a willingness to complete the required quarterly mentee progress reports and participate in seminars with the other scholars and their mentors.
4. **Recommendation Letters** - at least two letters of recommendation are required, one must be from the proposed faculty mentor(s)
5. **Applicant's CV**
6. **Mentor's Biosketch** (NIH format)

**For questions regarding the application process, please contact Stacy Hayashi at [sahayashi@ucdavis.edu](mailto:sahayashi@ucdavis.edu).**

Applications will be reviewed by a CTSC committee chaired by program directors Dr. Valentia Medici and Dr. Julie Schweitzer.