

## TL1 Pre-Doctoral Clinical Research Training Program Call for Applications (Medical Students)

**Deadline to submit — February 12, 2021, by 5 p.m.**

All applications and supporting documents must be **submitted electronically in a single PDF file** to Connie Koog at [cdkoog@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cdkoog@ucdavis.edu)

The CTSC is pleased to announce a call for medical student applicants to receive research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) sponsored **TL1 Pre-Doctoral Clinical Research Training Program (CTSC-TL1)**. The **CTSC-TL1 Training 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 Training Program is to provide pre-doctoral 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 gives scholars an advantage 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.

Applicants must identify a potential faculty mentor and develop a proposed research plan in consultation with that mentor, to be submitted with the application. 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. Award recipients are required to make a full-time research commitment to the training program for the entire period of support (June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022). In addition, CTSC-TL1 Training Program awardees have the option of pursuing a Master of Advanced Study in Clinical Research while participating in the CTSC-TL1 program.

Students selected for a CTSC-TL1 training award will receive a stipend, health insurance, and funds for research and travel expenses. For those who choose to pursue the Clinical Research Master's Degree, tuition will also be provided. 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 (such as assays) 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 medical student in good standing
- Strong academic credentials and good communication skills
- Ability to commit full-time effort to the Training Program for the entire period of funding
- 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
- 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)

### 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

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

**For questions or to receive an application**, please contact Connie Koog at [cdkoog@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cdkoog@ucdavis.edu).

**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.**