

2025 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ICTR CTSA T32 POSTDOCTORAL

CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING AWARD

Application Deadline: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 5:00 PM EST

OVERVIEW

The University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB) Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) T32 Postdoctoral 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 School of Graduate Studies.

Funding for this award is provided by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), a joint partnership between UMB and Johns Hopkins University.

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:** Appointment will be available immediately after the review committee decision in October 2025.
- **Duration:** T32 Postdoctoral Program is *two years*.
- **Stipends, Tuition/Fees, etc.** - Terms of this award are according to the [NOT-OD-25-105: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award \(NRSA\) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2025](#)

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.
- Trainees with PhDs should be early in their postdoctoral stage, with no more than 2 years since the date of their terminal degree.

C. TRAINEE COMMITMENT

- Pursuing 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.

Postdoctoral T32 Program Milestones/Timeline:

REQUIREMENT	DURATION
Engagement in full time (100% effort) in mentored research or education activities	Continuous throughout the T32 Postdoctoral 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
Submission (Fall) and presentation (Spring) of research at the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) National Meeting	Year 1 and/or year 2 as budget allows
Submit progress reports to ICTR and NIH	Semi-annual to ICTR and yearly to NIH
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 Year 2
Educational Requirements: T32 Postdoctoral Scholars are expected to register and complete one of the available UMB Master's Programs	By the conclusion of Year 2
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D. APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Required Supporting Documents

- Cover letter.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- Personal Statement 2-3 pages in size 12 Arial font (please include project title, a detailed summary of the research plan (at least one page), short and long-term research goals, explain how the proposed training will help advance your career. 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.
- 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.**
 - i. one letter of reference from a **former** professor/mentor **and**
 - ii. one letter of reference from the **current** mentor along with the current mentor's NIH biosketch. The current mentor's letter of reference should include:
 - Their previous mentoring experience (mentoring track record, please include list of former trainees who have established independent careers in research)their level of commitment to the trainee including a brief mentorship plan, and frequency of meetings between mentor and mentee.
 - The applicant's research abilities and potential to become an independent investigator, verbal and written communication skills, need for additional training, evidence for perseverance, and other attributes that make them competitive for this award.

The current mentor's level of commitment to the trainee and the mentor's prior mentoring experience are key scoring criteria.

Postdoctoral appointment must NOT be contingent on the T32 Award

2. Submitting Supporting Documents

ALL required documents must be submitted electronically by **Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 5:00 PM EST.**

- **Request an application [HERE](#)**
- **Reference letters - email [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 with broad expertise in clinical and translational research and a representative from the School of Graduate Studies and/or master's program. 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.

The UMB ICTR is committed to training scholars that are representative of the diverse population of the State of Maryland.

F. CONTACT US

Applicants and/or nominating mentors should contact the UMB T32 Program Director or Senior Program Specialist 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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