2021 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ICTR/CTSA TL1 POST-DOCTORAL
CLINICAL RESEARCH TRAINING AWARD

Application Deadline: February 12, 2021, 5:00 PM EST

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Overview of the TL1 Training Program

The UMB ICTR/CTSA TL1 Program is a collaborative effort amongst seven UMB Schools (School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy, School of Dentistry, School of Social Work, School of Law and the Graduate School). Funding for this training is provided by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) funded Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), a joint CTSA partnership between University of Maryland Baltimore and Johns Hopkins University.

SUBMISSION DUE DATE: February 12, 2021 5 PM EST

START DATE: July 1st, 2021

The duration of the TL1 Post-Doctoral Program is two years.

Eligibility Post-Doctoral TL1

- U.S Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Must have received a PhD, MD, DDS or comparable doctoral degree by the beginning date of the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) appointment.
- If funded by the TL1 training program, no other 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.

Requirements of the Post-Doctoral TL1

- Pursue research training full time (40 hours per week)
- Attend Didactic training seminars at both UMB and JHU
- Clinical and Translational Research Project and Primary Mentor
- Pursue training as a clinical or non-clinical postdoctoral fellow and complete a master’s degree in area of clinical research
- Students must maintain good academic standard, a minimum semester GPA of 3.0
- Clinical fellows would have to satisfy requirements for specialty clinical boards
Terms of the Post-Doctoral TL1 Award

• Stipend – Stipend level is based upon the NIH (NRSA) scale. Award also provides limited tuition and training related expenses. More information can be found here: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-070.html

Post-Doctoral TL1 Program Milestones/Timeline:

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<td>Engagement in full time (100% effort) in mentored research or education</td>
<td>Continuous throughout the duration of TL1 Post-Doctoral program</td>
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<td>Participation in Monthly TL1 Seminars</td>
<td>Monthly (&gt;75% attendance needed)</td>
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<td>Individual development Plan</td>
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<td>Submission and presentation of research at Association for Clinical and</td>
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<td>Translational Science National Meeting in the Spring</td>
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<td>Submit progress reports to ICTR and NIH</td>
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<td>Attend K-award writing workshops</td>
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<td>Attend manuscript writing workshop (optional)</td>
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<td>Attend joint KL2/TL1 Workshops</td>
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<td>Attend Career Development workshops</td>
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<td>Meet with Primary Mentor</td>
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<td>Present at Research-in-Progress Symposium</td>
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<td>Expected to publish research a minimum of 2 research papers with one as</td>
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<td>Educational Requirements:</td>
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<td>TL1 Post-Doctoral Scholars are expected to register and complete one of</td>
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<td>the available UMB Masters programs:</td>
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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 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. The UMB ICTR is committed to increasing the participation of women and individuals from ethnic or racial groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. Such groups include American Indian or Alaska native, Asian, Black or African-American, Hispanic or Latino, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Applications from women and minority candidates are encouraged. In addition, accommodations will be made to assist any individuals with disabilities so those persons who are qualified applicants can complete the program.

**Application Materials**

- Cover letter
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Personal Statement, 1-3 pages in size 12 font (please include project title, a brief description of the project, short and long-term research goals, research interest as well as and which specific MS or Certificate program applicant chooses to pursue if awarded TL1 award). Literature Cited (will not count toward page limit).
- **Applicant must submit a concurrent graduate school application HERE.** This application requires an application fee. For questions regarding the graduate school application, please email gradapply@umaryland.edu. When submitting the graduate school application, please state you are applying for the ICTR Training Program. The personal statement for the TL1 Application and the MS Essay are the same document. In addition, the letters of recommendation for the TL1 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 to ICTR-navigator@umaryland.edu no later than February 12, 2021 at 5 pm:
  - one letter from former mentor/professor
  - one letter from current mentor should include confirmation of the UMB Post-Doctoral appointment status and mentor’s NIH biosketch. Current mentor level of commitment with trainee, mentor’s prior experience, biosketch and letter of reference are an important part of the application. Current mentor letter of reference should comment on their previous mentoring experience and the applicant’s research experience, research abilities and potential to become a researcher, verbal and written communication, need for additional training, perseverance etc.
- **Post-doctoral appointment must not be contingent on the TL1 Award**
**Contact Us**
Applicants and/or nominating mentors should contact the UMB TL1 Program Director or Associate Director to discuss eligibility requirements, obtain guidance about any special circumstances or discuss other aspects of the TL1 award and its terms:

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