



CTSA T32 Training Program for Predoctoral Students in Clinical and Translational Science

Application Deadline: Thursday, October 1, 2026, 8AM

The Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) at the University of Kentucky, has funding, as part of our NIH CTSA award, to support the training of exceptional graduate students (i.e., MD, DMD, and PharmD students or PhD level graduate students) from any college at the University of Kentucky committed to developing careers as leaders of multidisciplinary research in Clinical and Translational Science (CTS) are eligible to apply. The start date will be no later than October 12, 2026.

Description:

The [NIH funded CCTS Predoctoral Training Program](#) is a T32 program. The fundamental principal of this T32 program is to provide clinical/translational research/science training that is rigorous and effectively integrated with ongoing professional or graduate research programs.

The T32 support will provide trainees access to:

- 1) A solid foundation in core research competencies.
- 2) Coursework that provides didactic training in clinical and translational science.
- 3) Research training at the cutting edge of the clinical/translational science.

T32 trainees are required to participate in the bimonthly K & T Work- in-Progress Training Series and T32 Career Development Training Series, present at the Spring CCTS Conference, attend a Responsible Conduct of Clinical Research Course and/or attend the Clinical and Research Ethics lecture series, and satisfy all NIH NRSA requirements. Students not enrolled in the CCTS MS, CCTS PhD or, equal alternative program, such as the PharmD/PhD or Biostatistics/Epidemiology PhD, will be required to complete either the Graduate Certificate in Clinical and Translational Science (CTS) or other CTS course work including a grant writing course, a CTS Research Ethics Course, and a Biostats course (3 credit hours minimum).

Support Provided:

The T32 will provide salary support at NIH NRSA levels (\$29,364 FY 2026), in-state

tuition and up to \$1,300 for travel expenses to present research at the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) which is a national career development meeting. Initial appointment will be for one year. Progress in the program will be reviewed annually. Contingent upon **satisfactory progress** in the program, the trainee will be supported for a second year.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants for NRSA institutional training grants must be citizens or non-citizen nationals of the United States or must have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, i.e., in possession of a currently valid Permanent Resident Card, or other legal verification of legal admission as a permanent resident. Non-citizen nationals are generally persons born in outlying possessions of the United States (e.g., American Samoa and Swains Island). **Proof of residency status is required. Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible for support.** In addition, trainees must be able to commit full-time effort in the program at the time of appointment and agree to all NRSA requirements.

Selection Process:

Applicants who display the highest potential for success will be selected as program scholars. Preference will be given to students seeking training in CTS and those enrolled in the PhD in CTS. Program scholars will be selected based on academic qualifications, training background, performance record during professional training (coursework during medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy, or graduate school), and research accomplishments (papers, abstracts, or other presentations of original work). Importantly, applicants will be judged based on their potential to develop into successful translational/clinical researchers with leadership skills, as evidenced by previous leadership roles and letters of recommendation.

Application Process:

Please complete the [electronic application form](#). All documents listed below must be uploaded into the application form as a single PDF file. The Abstract, Specific Aims, Career Goals and Objectives, and Career development/Training Plan should be completed using Arial, font size 11. **Completed applications must be submitted electronically by 8AM on Thursday, October 1, 2026.**

- Abstract: A brief description of the research project (maximum 30 lines of text)
- Specific Aims: One-page description of the significance, rationale, and aims of the research project. (1 page)
- Applicant's Career Goals and Objectives: Provide the following two components (i) Describe the applicant's short- and long-term career goals; and (ii) Describe how this award augments the applicant's future research career development. (no more than 1 page)
- Applicant Career Development/Training Plan: Describe the research training, skills, and knowledge the applicant will acquire as a result of

this award and how this training enhances the proposed research plan and candidate's career goals. (no more than 1 page)

- Applicant's NIH Biosketch. SciENCv format is required.
- Primary Mentor's Biosketch. SciENCv format is required.
- Three Letters of Support – submitted to vicky.king@uky.edu
 - Letter of support from mentor or doctoral dissertation advisor/mentor (maximum 2 pages)
 - Letter of support from the chair of the applicant's academic unit
 - Letter of support from a faculty member familiar with the applicant's research potential (maximum 2 pages)

Questions:

Any questions concerning the T32 Training Program should be directed to Dr. Victoria L. King, CCTS, Career Development Director, at <mailto:vicky.king@uky.edu> or 859-218-6167

