REQUEST FOR CTSC K30 TRAINING APPLICATIONS
APPLICATIONS DUE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010

K30 GRADUATE PROGRAM IN
CLINICAL & TRANSLATIONAL INVESTIGATION

Purpose: To educate and train highly motivated individuals to become successful, independent clinical and translational (C/T) investigators through a strong foundation in knowledge and skills in C/T investigation.

The Graduate Program in Clinical & Translational Investigation offers two separate tracks for enrollment: an Advanced Certificate in Clinical Investigation in one year or a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Investigation in two years.

Advanced Certificate in Clinical & Translational Investigation
The Advanced Certificate track (1 year) is comprised of a wide array of core curriculum classes in clinical research with a structured series of lectures, interactive seminars and workshops.

Master's Degree in Clinical & Translational Investigation
The Master's Degree Program track (2 years) provides clinical research experience through a mentored clinical research project conducted on the Clinical and Translational Research Center. Supplementary to the core curriculum, scholars pursue specific clinical interests through electives.

During the first year, the trainees meet with chosen mentors to formulate a research proposal. In the second year of the program, trainees will utilize the skills acquired from the previous year's core curriculum coursework to conduct their research project, which requires a 75% (50% for surgeons) time and effort commitment.

For further information about the K30 Graduate Training Program, please visit our website at: http://www.med.cornell.edu/ctsc/training_and_education/masters_in_clinical_investigation.html.

Eligibility:
- Medical students and Medical Doctors (MDs), MD/PhDs, senior residents, fellows
- Post-doctoral PhDs seeking a career in clinical and translational research
- Dentists with Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degrees
- Faculty members from any of the partnering CTSC institutions
- PhD candidates in Nursing School, those with Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), and Doctorate of Science in Nursing (DNS) degrees
- Certified Physicians’ Assistants and Clinical Research Project Coordinators

Review Criteria
Upon submission in ePAR, your application undergoes review based on several criteria.

Questions? Email: ctsc_k30@med.cornell.edu
TO START YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS

GO TO ➔ "Notification of Intent to Submit an Application"

This will register your intent to submit an application. Shortly after submitting this form, you will be notified by email with information on how to proceed with your application using the Web-based electronic Protocol Authoring and Review (ePAR) system. When completing your application in ePAR, please refer to the checklist below.

Checklist for Application Submission

A. Required Sections in ePAR – Complete all fields.

1. Trainee Application Form - Click on your current citizenship status to proceed.
   a. Personnel and demographic information.
   b. Click on [add] and fill in required information (be sure to repeat this process for each individual entry under each heading):
      • Educational Information -
         • Mentors - Include all of the institutional information for your mentors
         • Click yes or no if you have been required to leave any college, graduate or professional school or ever been denied readmission because of deficiencies in either scholarship or conduct. If yes, please include an explanation in the requested area.
         • Test Scores – MCAT, GRE, and/or TOEFL, if applicable.

2. Biosketch: Upload a PDF of the Biosketches for the applicant and mentors (please note that all biosketches must use the new NIH format).

3. Resources Requested: Check off and fill in required information relevant to your study.

B. Supporting Documents – Required Attachments Upload as individual PDF files in the order indicated below.

1. Clinical Research Experience/Research Proposal
   • For the Advanced Certificate Track: Please provide a concise description of any clinical research experience and other research interests and/or experiences. Please include a proposed scientific thesis, if known (Should be no longer than 1 page).
   • For the Master’s Degree Track: Please provide a 1-page research proposal in NEJM style abstract format.

2. Career Statement – Please discuss your short and long-term goals. Should be no longer than 1 page.

3. Two Letters of Recommendation:
   For the Advanced Certificate Track: Letters of recommendation from professors or other professionals in a position to judge the applicants’ preparation and fitness for graduate work in the proposed program of study.
   For the Master’s Degree Track: Letters of recommendation from at least 2 proposed mentors.
   • At least 2 mentors required (one Clinical and one Basic) and a lead mentor must be designated.
   • At least 2 mentors, including the lead mentor, must be from a CTSC partner institution.
   • Each mentor must be from different disciplines and different institutions. NIH definition of different disciplines has priority (areas outside biology, e.g., computer science, imaging, chemistry, mathematics, informatics, and engineering).
   • Mentors must have active or recent peer-reviewed (federal or foundation) funding.

4. The Letter from the Department Chair/Division Chief should be submitted on departmental letterhead stating a guarantee of 75% protected time (50% for surgeons who require more time to develop and maintain their skills).

By May 2010, the applicant will be notified via email whether their application is approved. At that time, if accepted the applicant must complete addition required, regulatory, and compliance documents within 30 days (for a full list of post-award documents click here).

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