



# REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

## PREDOCTORAL STUDENT TRAINING PROGRAM IN TRANSLATIONAL BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical and Translational Science (**GHUCCTS**) is now accepting letters of intent for its predoctoral student training program in Translational Biomedical Science (**TBS Program**). **The final application is DUE July 1, 2026**; however, the due date for letters of intent is rolling. **Take advantage of the opportunity to meet with TBS directors to receive constructive feedback within 10 days after submission of your letter of intent to help you improve the competitiveness of your final application.**

The TBS Program capitalizes and expands upon the Georgetown Howard Universities Center for Clinical and Translational Science (**GHUCCTS**) established track record in cross-institutional training and research and leverages the rich partnerships that GHUCCTS has established among Georgetown University Medical Center (**GUMC**), Howard University College of Medicine (**HUCM**), MedStar Health Research Institute (**MHRI**), the Washington, D.C. Veterans Administration (**VA**) and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (**ORNL**).

The overall goal of the predoctoral T32 program in clinical and translational science (**CTS**) at GHUCCTS is to train predoctoral students at Georgetown and Howard universities in CTS, which is:

*...the field that generates innovations that overcome longstanding challenges along the translational research pipeline...to transform the way that research is done, making it faster, more efficient, and more impactful.*

Morris ZS, Wooding S and Grant J. The answer is 17 years, what is the question: understanding time lags in translational research. *J R Soc Med.* 2011;104:510-20.

The translation of research discoveries into improved health care has been too slow. The rationale for training predoctoral students in CTS is the hope and promise for speeding up this process.

Students receive didactic education in human health and disease that takes advantage of existing courses, seminars, and workshops through GHUCCTS-sponsored activities and training programs including the master's program in Clinical and Translational Science. TBS Scholars are also trained in: human subject research methodology & bioethics; grant writing & peer review; community engagement & team science; negotiation & networking; and other career enhancement skills that are tailored to the individual trainee's Career Development Plan.

**Students interested in complementing their discipline-specific training with supplemental training in translational biomedical science are encouraged to apply.**

Applications which propose trans-, inter-, or multi-disciplinary and collaborative research projects within the T1-T4 translational research continuum will be considered. We anticipate funding 6 predoctoral student applications with a start date of early fall 2026.

## TRAINEE ELIGIBILITY

- All candidates must demonstrate a commitment to clinical translational science;
- Predoctoral students must have passed their qualifying exam/been admitted to candidacy and be in good standing within their PhD program; and,
- Applicants must be able to commit to one full year in the TBS Program, **regardless of achieving independent funding through individual training awards (e.g., F30, F31 or Foundation equivalent).**

## MENTORSHIP TEAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Mentorship teams need to enrich the applicant's training across the clinical translational research continuum (T1-T4) by providing trans-, inter- or multi-disciplinary experiences, guidance, support, and perspectives;
- The team must be committed to the applicant's career development plan and have sufficient research resources (e.g., funding, facilities, space, collaborations, access to key populations, technologies, reagents) that will facilitate and promote the trainee's ability to conduct their research for the duration of this award;
- At least one member of the team must have a track record of training predoctoral students who have gone on to productive careers in biomedical research; and,
- At least one member must be the applicant's PhD dissertation mentor.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Font/Spacing Requirements: Follow NIH standards\*

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/how-to-apply-application-guide/format-attachments>

## LETTER OF INTENT

**Deadline: Rolling** but submit early to take advantage of the feedback from TBS Directors to make your final application as strong as possible.

### Submit as a single pdf file through the TBS website portal

- **Biosketches** and **Other Support** of applicant and mentors: Follow current NIH requirements for these documents. Trainees must have sufficient funding from their mentors to conduct their research.
- **Specific aims: 1 page**
- **Research strategy: 1-2 pages**
- **Career development and mentorship plan: 1-3 pages.** Explain your interest in pursuing a career in clinical translational science and how your career development activities and mentorship plan will support your career goals.

**Note: These documents are just a DRAFT and can be used to help shape and strengthen the trainee's final application with input from the TBS Executive Committee.**

## FULL APPLICATION

**Deadline: July 1, 2026**

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- **Biosketches** and **Other Support** of applicant and mentors: Follow current NIH requirements for these documents. Trainees must have sufficient funding from their mentors to conduct their research.
- Signed mentorship agreement.
- Specific aims: **1 page**
- Research strategy: **4-6 pages**
- Career development and mentorship plan: **2-4 pages** written together and co-signed by your mentorship team. Explain your interest in pursuing a career in clinical translational science and how your career development activities and mentorship plan will support your career goals. The applicant and mentors need to describe the rationale for selection of the mentorship team (must have at least 1 co-mentor) and how the team will function to promote, facilitate and advance the applicant's career development plan in translational biomedical science.

## NOTIFICATION TIME LINE

- We anticipate notifying applicants and mentors of award status (funded or not-funded) by **mid-July** via email.
- If awarded, the applicant will need to complete all compliance documents within 30 days. **Funding is contingent on submission of this information and failure to do so could result in disqualification.**
- Upon submission of this additional information, the TBS Executive Committee will prepare an award agreement/letter. Once the award agreement/letter is signed, the TBS Executive Committee will review and approve the agreement so that funding can be achieved.
- Funding is anticipated to begin on **September 1, 2026.**

## Questions? Please Contact:

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**PLEASE FORWARD THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED**