



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN TRANSLATIONAL BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical and Translational Science (**GHUCCTS**) is now accepting letters of intent for its postdoctoral training program in Translational Biomedical Science (**TBS Program**). **The final application deadline is August 31, 2026**; however, the letter of intent deadline 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 (please email tbstl1@georgetown.edu) 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 postdoctoral T32 program in clinical and translational science (**CTS**) at GHUCCTS is to train postdoctoral fellows at Georgetown and Howard universities, MedStar, and the D.C. VA, 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 goal of this NCATS Postdoctoral T32 training program is to *"help ensure trainees are equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities to advance diagnostics, therapeutics, clinical interventions, and behavioral modifications that improve health and support meaningful translational science research projects that address demonstrable needs among stakeholder communities."* [NIH PAR-25-195].

Fellows receive training via 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 fellow's Career Development Plan.

Postdoctoral fellows 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 4 postdoctoral fellow applications with an anticipated start date of early fall 2026.

TRAINEE ELIGIBILITY

- Individuals with doctoral degrees (these include, but are not limited to, the following: D.M.D., DC, DO, DVM, OD, DPM, ScD, EngD, DrPH, DNSc, DPT, PharmD, ND [Doctor of Naturopathy], DSW, PsyD, as well as a doctoral degree in nursing research) are eligible to apply
- 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., F32 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 postdoctoral fellows who have gone on to productive careers in biomedical research.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Font/Spacing Requirements: [Follow NIH standards](#)

LETTER OF INTENT (email tbstl1@georgetown.edu)

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

- **Biosketches** and **other support** for 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: August 31, 2026

Submit as a single PDF file through the [TBS website portal](#)

- [NIH 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 TIMELINE

- We anticipate notifying applicants and mentors of award status (funded or not funded) by **mid September** 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 or before **October 1, 2026**.

Questions? Please Contact:

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PLEASE FORWARD THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED