RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The CTSC is pleased to announce a call for graduate student applicants to receive research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) sponsored T32 Mentored Clinical Research Training Program (CTSC-T32). The CTSC-T32 program is part of a fully integrated approach by the UC Davis CTSC to advance research education and training for multidisciplinary, clinical and translational investigators working to improve human health. The overall goal of the T32 program is to provide the most junior trainees (medical students and basic-science predoctoral students) with the skills required to develop a career in multidisciplinary clinical and translational research relevant to human health. In line with the NIH focus on translational research to bridge the gap between basic science and advancements in human health, scholars will develop skill sets to lead and participate effectively in team/translational science. The CTSC-T32 training program is expected to strongly advantage scholars in preparing for successful careers in academia.

Graduate students pursuing health related research, and enrolled in UC Davis Ph.D. programs (including but not limited to biological sciences, engineering, and veterinary medicine) are eligible to apply. Scholars will be selected based on a competitive application process in which student academic qualifications, career goals, and the quality of the training environment will be important considerations for funding. Applicants must identify a potential faculty mentor, and develop a proposed research plan in consultation with that mentor to be submitted with the application. Award recipients are required to make a full year (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013) commitment to all components of the training program, which includes the proposed research, didactic instruction and clinical experiences, while simultaneously meeting the requirements of their respective graduate programs.

Awardees will receive a stipend and student fees (equivalent to those of a California resident) for one year, as well as funds for research and travel expenses.

Eligibility Criteria:
1. UC Davis predoctoral graduate student in good standing
2. Strong academic credentials and good communication skills
3. Ability to commit to all requirements of the training program, including an intensive 5-week summer didactic session (requiring approximately 80% time)
4. Proposed research project must be relevant to human health
5. Interest in developing a career in multidisciplinary, translational biomedical research
6. Identification of a faculty mentor and strong mentor support

All applicants must submit the following materials by February 15, 2012:
1. Completed application forms and copy of CV
2. One letter of recommendation from proposed faculty mentor
3. Mentor’s Biosketch

For applications and detailed instructions please go to: http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/ctsc/t32/ Applications must be submitted by email to: Jessica.Hicks@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu. No paper applications will be accepted. Applications will be reviewed by a CTSC committee chaired by Drs. Nicholas Kenyon and Saul Schaefer.

For questions regarding the application process, please contact Jessica Hicks at 703-9110 or at Jessica.hicks@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu.

All application materials are due by 5pm on February 15, 2012.