MENTORED RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

The CTSC is pleased to announce a call for medical 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.

Applicants must identify a potential faculty mentor, and develop a proposed research plan in consultation with that mentor to be submitted with the application. 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. Award recipients are required to make a full-time research commitment to the training program for the entire period of support (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013). In addition, as an NIH sponsored training program, CTSC-T32 program awardees interested in pursuing a Masters in Advanced Studies in Clinical Research degree are required to attend didactic sessions on research topics during their funding year. Satisfactory completion of these courses may lead to a Masters in Advanced Studies in Clinical Research.

Funding will be provided by the CTSC and the Office of Medical Education. Students selected for a CTSC-T32 training award will receive a stipend. Tuition, health insurance, and funds for research and travel expenses will also be provided. In addition to the CTSC T32 program, applicants can apply through this application mechanism for the 1 year UC Davis School of Medicine Medical Student Research Fellowship. (http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/mdprogram/research/msrf.html)

Eligibility Criteria:
1. UC Davis medical student in good standing
2. Strong academic credentials and good communication skills
3. Ability to commit full time effort to the training program for the entire period of funding
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

Application Procedure:
Candidates must submit a formal application with the following components:

1. Completed CTSC-T32 program application form and CV
2. One letter of recommendation from proposed faculty mentor
3. Mentor’s Biosketch

For an application, step-by-step instructions, and detailed guidelines about the application process please contact Jessica Hicks at 916-703-9110 or at Jessica.hicks@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu.


Review and Selection Process:
Applications will be reviewed by a CTSC committee chaired by Drs. Nicholas Kenyon and Saul Schaefer.

For questions regarding the CTSC T32 program, please contact Jessica Hicks at 916-703-9110 or at jessica.hicks@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu.