Request for Applications
TL1 Predoctoral Training Program
Summer 2024 Appointment
Anticipated start date: July 1, 2024
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KEY DATES
Full Applications due: January 8, 2024
Status Notification: March 8, 2024

PROGRAM SUMMARY
Frontiers Clinical and Translational Science Institute at the University of Kansas invites applicants from all Frontiers partner institutions to apply to the TL1 Predoctoral Clinical and Translational Research Training Program. The TL1 award is specifically designed to provide trainees with the skills, confidence, motivation, and enhanced career trajectory to move to the next stage of their clinical and translational research career. Frontiers is wholly committed to attracting and welcoming diverse early-stage researchers to its institutions. Researchers from underrepresented communities in academia are strongly encouraged to apply.

PROGRAM BENEFITS
- One year of formal clinical and translational research training in a collaborative, supportive environment
- Intensive mentored research experience
- MS-Clinical Research degree with full tuition remission
- Monthly NIH NRSA Predoctoral trainee stipend
- Research funds and additional travel support

*Financial support contingent on availability of funds. Frontiers Clinical and Translational Science Institute at the University of Kansas is part of a nationwide network of Clinical and Translational Science Awards institutions working to speed the research process from scientific discovery to patient care. Frontiers supports the spectrum of translational research, from animal health studies to community-based and population health outcomes research. Frontiers recognizes that diverse teams are essential to improve health, and of utmost importance are the partnerships and collaborations with communities, families and individuals. Frontiers is supported by a five-year, $27 million grant from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) of the NIH.
Eligibility
- United States citizen or non-citizen national, or legal admission as a permanent resident
- Currently enrolled in an MD, DO, DDS, PharmD, DVM, DPT, AuD, DNP, or other clinical PhD program at a Frontiers partner institution
- Approved leave of absence from current program to complete MS-CR coursework and commit 100% effort to the research and training activities of the program
- Proof of prerequisite coursework completion in basic sciences and mathematics

Meet TL1 Graduates

Jada O’hene-Agyei
2023 TL1 Graduate
MD Student
University of Missouri-Kansas City

Sarah Johnson-Munguia
2023 TL1 Graduate
PhD Student
University of Kansas-Lawrence

Bertha De Los Santos
2022 TL1 Graduate
PharmD Student
University of Kansas

Structure and Metrics of the TL1 Program

Structure:
Trainees work with their mentors and TL1 leadership to identify their training needs and create an individual career development plan. Training includes interdisciplinary seminars, grant writing workshops, externships, and multidisciplinary mentorship. Training is integrated with mentored research experiences designed to launch an independent research career.

Metrics:
Success is measured both quantitatively (e.g., publications, completion of MS-CR degree) and qualitatively (research skills, quality of mentorship, creation of research teams and contributions to science).

How to Apply
A meeting with TL1 leadership is required in the preapplication phase at least 3 weeks before the application deadline. The same link https://bit.ly/Frontiers_TL1 can be used to request appointments, submit applications, and find more information. Applications should include:
- Personal statement describing research experience and career goals
- Curriculum vitae or resume from applicant and NIH biosketch from primary mentor
- 2-page proposal for a mentored research project (see template at application link)
- Three letters of support from: 1) primary mentor; 2) Dean of Students; and 3) faculty or someone with whom you have worked closely

Email questions to Tresza Hutcheson at thutcheson@kumc.edu.