Vice President’s Clinical and Translational (VPCAT) Research Scholars Program

-- 2021 Applicant Eligibility Criteria and Program Requirements --

The VPCAT Research Scholars Program is a competitive, 2-year program. To determine your eligibility, we recommend that you review and understand the outlined eligibility criteria and program requirements below. If you answer NO to any of the questions below, you may not be eligible to apply.

Please address any specific questions to the VPCAT Program Coordinator, Jenny Cochrane, by phone (801-585-9354) or email.

### Applicant Eligibility Criteria

1. **Does your research fall within the clinical & translational science research spectrum (T0-T4)?**
   - Yes
   - No
   
   Do you have a commitment from your Dean and/or Chair that you will be able to dedicate a minimum of 30% FTE (3.60 person months) to the development of your career and research program during the 2-year program period?

2. **Have you earned a MD, PhD, DO, PharmD, DNP, DNS, an equivalent doctoral level health science degree, or an equivalent doctoral level degree in a field that interacts with healthcare from an accredited domestic or foreign institution?**
   - Yes
   - No
   
   At the time of application, will you hold a junior faculty position (typically instructor or assistant professor) at the University of Utah or an equivalent rank at a VPCAT Program affiliated health institution?

3. **Can you confirm that you have never been a principal investigator on an NIH R01 or R01-equivalent research award (i.e., R00, DP1, DP2, DP5, U01, R35, etc.); an NIH career development award (i.e., K23, K08, K76, K99, DP2, etc.); an equivalent Public Health Service or VA research grants/career awards; or a project lead of a subproject of a program (P01) or center grant (U54)?**
   - Yes
   - No
   
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4. **Do you have at least one scientific mentor with: a] aligned research expertise, extramural funding, and a mentorship track record; b] a strong commitment to guide and support your proposed career development and research program goals; and c] a commitment to assist you in achieving independence and extramural funding (e.g., K, R, and other equivalent awards)?**
   - Yes
   - No

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**As per NIH standards, current and former PIs of an R03, R21, R36, R41, R42, R43, or R44 are eligible to apply.**

### Applicant Program Requirements

1. Are you able to show evidence of performance in clinical and translational science research and a commitment to continuing a career in clinical and translational science?

2. Are you able to articulate your long-term plan to successfully transition to research independence, including the level of professional effort you will require at different points in your career progression, as well as the steps to take to adjust workload?

3. Do you confirm your willingness to fully participate in the Matrix Mentoring Model by actively contributing to your own self-mentorship while collaborating with your scientific, VPCAT senior, peer, and staff mentors?

4. Can you evidence a track record of activity in clinical or translational research (i.e., research-related work in your proposed field of study, peer-reviewed publications with your named scientific mentor, and applying for and/or receiving intramural or small foundation awards)?
Will you be able to attend the mandatory 1 ½-day VPCAT Orientation from Monday, December 7th to December 8, 2020?

Can you attend the required twice monthly, ½-day curricular sessions held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 12:30-4:30 pm at EHSEB (require a minimum of 80% attendance per year)?

Can you attend the 1-hour VPCAT Initial Mentoring Team Meeting with your proposed scientific mentor, VPCAT senior mentor, and program personnel to take place by March 2021?

Can you commit to actively preparing for, scheduling, and attending meetings with your VPCAT senior mentor a minimum of three times over the 2-year program period?

Are you willing and able to attend supplemental career development opportunities, including grant-writing workshops and other applicable courses, in order to develop as an independent investigator?

Are you able to confirm you will be able to attend appropriate Research-In-Progress and/or Utah Center for Clinical and Translational Science (Utah CCTS) K-Club meetings, and present at least one of these meetings each year of the program?

Can you confirm you will meet with your proposed scientific mentor as outlined in your application?

Do you agree to complete and submit the annual VPCAT Scholar Career Development Plan (VS-CDP) and Self Assessment; Mid-Program Reports and Evaluations; Final Program Reports and Evaluations; and other information as requested by the program (see VPCAT Handbook)?

Can you attest that 1) you will submit at least one extramural grant application during the 2-year program period, and 2) prior to the submission, you will attend a campus-based grant writing workshop, have members of your mentoring team review the application, and take advantage of the Utah CCTS Peer Grant Review Program to ensure your competitiveness?

Can you commit to providing copies of your full, submitted grant applications and associated summary statements with your VPCAT senior mentor and program staff?

Will you be able to submit at least 2 research manuscripts over the 2-year program period?

Will you be able to submit at least 1 research abstract to a scientific conference each year of the program period?