

CCTS T32 Predoctoral Program Application Instructions

Visit the T32 program website and click “Apply Here”: <https://go.uab.edu/predoc-t32>

Complete the online form and upload your application packet as a single PDF. Use Arial, 11-pt font, 0.5 inch margins. Please include your name in the header of your application packet. **Use this format to name your application packet PDF: LASTNAME_FIRSTNAME_T32 Predoc**

Include the following 6 elements in the application packet and in this order:

1. Application personal statement sections required to use the following lettered section headings. Personalize the length of each section to provide an overall **4-page maximum**.
 - A. Rationale for your interest in translational research and this T32 training mechanism
 - B. Research experience to date
 - C. How project addresses CCTS mission (translational research that addresses conditions/diseases that disproportionately affect the Deep South)
 - D. Primary mentor and/or mentoring team structure and project timeline (MD students=12 months; PhD students=24 months)
 - E. Goals for translational research training and career development; include organizational plans and/or coursework
 - F. Research project plans for the T32 training include the following sub-section headings:
 1. Project title and primary mentor
 2. Introduction and background
 3. Objectives / Aims
 4. Significance of proposed work
 5. Key methods and outcomes of interest
2. Current CV including GPA and relevant test scores (i.e.: GRE Scores V, Q, Adv and/or MCAT or PCAT Scores) *if available (i.e., medical students may not have GPA)
3. Official letter of good standing from current doctoral program director
4. Two letters of recommendation. One letter required from primary mentor that is named in D. and F.1. These letters will be included in your single PDF upload. If your letter writer would like to address the letter to the T32 Director, you can use this information:

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FAQs

- Application packets are due **January 7, 2026**. Select applicants will be invited to interview via zoom in January/early February 2026, with final decisions by the end of February. Appointments start July 1, 2026.
- References are encouraged and **do not** count toward your 4-page personal statement maximum. You can add extra pages for references; there is no page limit for references.
- GPA and test scores can be included in your CV; no additional documentation/transcripts are needed.
- Letters of recommendation get sent to the applicant and should be included in the PDF packet.
- Your application should address your research project, mentorship plan (additional details from the mentor can be included in your mentor's letter of support), and a didactic element if you propose one (such as a certificate or Masters degree for year-out medical students).
- Review criteria for Predoctoral CCTS T32 application evaluations includes:
 - Resonance with CCTS mission
 - Applicant potential: academic qualifications and research experience
 - Training and organizational plan and proposed project
 - Mentor's training plan and mentor/co-mentor's experience in translational research and training
- The traineeship allows for 8% F&A (indirect costs; noted here for departmental financial associates).