

Georgia CTSA T32 Predoctoral and T32 Postdoctoral (formerly TL1) Programs

How to Apply

Application submission (online submission only!)

The Georgia CTSA T32 Programs accept applications through separate **T32 predoctoral and T32 postdoctoral tracks**. All application components listed below must be submitted through the online submission system ([click to start](#)). After entering their name and email address, applicants receive a confirmation email containing a link to their application. Applicants should share this submission link with their Department Chair, lead mentor, co-mentor(s), and Advisory Committee members, as applicable, so that letters of support can be uploaded.

Required Georgia CTSA T32 Programs application components

1. Cover sheet ([save link as document](#))

- Complete the required Georgia CTSA T32 cover page.
- Format: All application sections should be single-spaced, with margins of at least 0.5 inch and a font size of 11 points or larger using Arial font.

2. Personal statement. Maximum one page describing the applicant's training and research background, career goals, and how T32 training and mentorship will advance their career development (does NOT count towards the 7-page limit)

3. Abstract/Summary (30 lines maximum). Brief summary of the proposed research and training plan. Abstract/Summary does NOT count against the 7-page limit.

4. NIH Biosketches. NIH biosketches (using the NIH Common Form biosketch generated in SciENcv; <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/>) are required from the following:

- T32 Applicant
- Lead mentor
- Co-mentor(s) or Advisory Committee members
- Any other consultants or key collaborators

An **ORCID iD** and an **eRA Commons username** are required to complete the biosketch.

- ORCID iD - Emory applicants can obtain one at [Get an ORCID at Emory University Libraries](#); applicants from other Georgia CTSA institutions go to <https://orcid.org>.
- eRA Commons ID – Emory applicants should contact Rachel Hardison (rachel.hardison@emory.edu). Applicants from other Georgia CTSA institutions must request an eRA Commons ID at the following e-mail addresses:
 - MSM - OSRA@msm.edu
 - GT - training@osp.gatech.edu
 - UGA – Kimberly Cherewick – ksilvis@uga.edu

5. T32 Research and Training Proposal (7-page limit; use 0.5 in page margins, Arial 11 font, single space). The proposed T32 research project must be hypothesis-driven, clinically and/or translationally focused, and clearly connected to human health. The application should demonstrate the feasibility of the proposed research and explain how the project and training plan will support the applicant's career development.

- **SPECIFIC AIMS** (1-page; counts as part of 7-page limit) section that includes: a summary of the project (rationale/background, innovative aspects, brief overview of planned research and study population, including accessible datasets), a hypothesis statement, and 2 to 3 Specific Aims of the research project that briefly outline how each Aim will address the hypothesis/hypotheses. How the project will help the candidate achieve their specific career training and research goals should be briefly noted in the Specific Aims page.
- **TRAINING PLAN** (1-page and counts as part of the 7-page limit). The applicant should describe their didactic training, career development activities, mentoring plan, and future research goals. The Training Plan should also describe the track record of the lead mentor in mentoring and how the T32 trainee will interact with their lead mentor and any co-mentors to support their research training goals (including frequency of meetings). A brief description of the mentoring team and their expertise should be included in this section. In addition, the T32 applicant must specify the type of didactic training that would be part of their T32 Program (i.e., Master of Science in Clinical Research (MSCR) at Emory or Morehouse School of Medicine, the Certificate Program in Translational Science (CPTS), or a “Menu” option of selected courses. This section should also include any planned electives or workshops.
- **RESEARCH PLAN** (5-page maximum, counts as part of 7-page limit)

- **Significance** (1 page recommended); the Significance section should focus on the importance of the problem, the gap in knowledge, and the potential impact of your proposed research. Specifically, include: 1) Why the problem matters, scientific and/or public health relevance; 2) What is currently unknown or not well understood; 3) How your project will help fill a critical gap or address a major challenge; and 4) How the outcomes could change the field, improve health, or advance knowledge.
- **Innovation** (up to 0.5 pages recommended) that outlines the novelty of the project to the field.
- **Approach** (up to 3.5 pages recommended) explains how you will do the work and includes your preliminary data (if applicable, preliminary data is helpful but not required). The Approach should clearly lay out your **experimental plan**, show **feasibility**, and anticipate **potential challenges**, all while tying each method directly back to your **Specific Aims**. A suggested format for the Approach section includes:
 - **Overall Strategy** - clearly explain how you will achieve each Specific Aim; lay out the logic and rationale behind your methods; highlight the sequence of experiments and how they tie together.
 - **Preliminary Data** - helpful if available but not required.
 - **Experimental Design and Methods** - provide detailed descriptions of key experiments or procedures. Include description of the study population, inclusion and exclusion criteria, sample sizes (and power analysis if appropriate), statistical methods, controls, and timelines.
 - **Potential Problems and Alternative Strategies** - acknowledge possible pitfalls; explain your backup plans or alternative approaches.

6. Bibliography. Provide standard literature citations in the **Bibliography & References Cited section**. This section does not count toward the page limit.

7. Protection of Human Subjects section (should be brief, no page limit, but recommended to be less than 2 pages). This section outlines hazards/risks/discomforts to research subjects, if applicable, and methods to be employed to mitigate such risks. This section does not count against the 7-page limit.

8. Inclusion of Women and Members of Racial and/or Ethnic Minority Groups in Clinical Research (Applicable only for Human Subjects Research; does NOT count against the 7-page limit). Based on NIH requirements, a brief statement should be provided which

outlines inclusion of women, inclusion of racial/ethnic minorities, and inclusion across the lifespan (children/older adults). Any exclusions based on sex, race, and/or ethnicity must include a rationale and justification based on a scientific or ethical basis.

9. Letters of Support. The following letters of support are **required**:

- **Lead mentor letter:** The lead mentor's letter should describe the mentor's commitment, assessment of the candidate, mentoring experience, proposed research, and mentoring plan.
- **Department Chair letter:** *(for applicants in the Department of Medicine or Department of Pediatrics, a Division Director letter can be submitted in lieu of a Chair's letter).* The letter from the Department Chair must guarantee that the applicant, if accepted, will have protected time to participate in the Georgia CTSA T32 Program and carry out research and research training.
- **Letters from co-mentors.** Each co-mentor (or Advisory Committee member) should provide a letter of support.
- Consultants or key collaborators should also provide a letter of support.

Questions

We encourage interested T32 **Predoctoral and Postdoctoral** candidates to contact the Georgia CTSA T32 Program Directors at your institution:

Emory University

- T32 Predoctoral Program: [Dr. Vas Michopoulos](#) and [Dr. Jessica Alvarez](#)
- T32 Postdoctoral Program: [Dr. David Goldsmith](#) and [Dr. Henry Blumberg](#)

Georgia Tech: [Dr. J. Brandon Dixon](#)

Morehouse School of Medicine: [Dr. Alec Davidson](#)

University of Georgia: [Dr. James Lauderdale](#)

Questions on the application process can be directed to T32 Program Administrator, [Rachel Hardison](#). For technical issues or problems with the online submission website, please contact [Alexey Kurbatov](#).