**2023 Expressions of Interest for Predoctoral Students – NIH INCLUDE Administrative Supplements**

**Expression of Interest Priority Deadline: March 1, 2023**

The ITHS TL1 program is a mentored research training program in translational science for predoctoral students. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are offering supplemental funding to support additional TL1 Trainees to study conditions that co-occur with Down syndrome. ITHS invites eligible predoctoral students to submit an expression of interest (EOI) to apply for this limited competition funding opportunity.

**Who should apply?**

Predoctoral students at institutions of higher education across Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho may be eligible. Additional requirements for the TL1 program are listed below.

Through ***IN****vestigation of* ***C****o-occurring conditions across the* ***L****ifespan to* ***U****nderstand* ***D****own syndrom****E*** *(INCLUDE),* the NIH Office of the Director funds basic research, cohort studies, and clinical trials related to conditions that co-occur with Down syndrome. See [NOT-OD-22-191](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-22-191.html) for more information.

*Note:* This funding mechanism allows us to apply for additional trainee appointments on the ITHS TL1 award. If your research does not match the topic areas listed in the notice, standard [ITHS TL1 Program](https://www.iths.org/education/graduate/tl1/) applications will open in Autumn 2023.

**What do TL1 supplements offer?**

If a supplement application is funded by NIH, the candidate will be appointed as an ITHS TL1 trainee, starting in March 2024. Beginning in June 2024, they will participate in monthly interactive sessions with their peer cohort and receive mentorship to foster their transition to independent research careers. This supplement provides the following funding, based on current [NRSA guidelines](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-22-132.html) (amounts listed reflect FY2022 guidance; budget requests will be based on FY2023 levels, publication pending):

* Stipend for 2 or 3 years, aligning with institutional NRSA predoctoral salaries (currently $2196/month)
* Up to 60% of full-time tuition ($16,000/year maximum) at the trainee’s institution
* $4400/year in training related expenses (health insurance, staff salaries, consultant costs, equipment, research supplies, and faculty/staff travel directly related to the research training program, per NOSI)
* $1500/year in travel to professional meetings and conferences
* Childcare support (currently $2,500/year)
* Indirect costs at 8% total direct costs

Trainees must take the TL1 Seminar Course June 2024 to May 2025. During application development, the TL1 Program Directors will work with students and their mentor to identify additional coursework, workshops, and experiential learning activities for the award period that will enhance their training experience.

**How do candidates apply?**

Full applications must be submitted by ITHS to the NIH as Administrative Supplements to our TL1 award. Interested candidates should ensure they meet the eligibility criteria and application requirements and then [**submit an EOI to ITHS**](https://redcap.link/ITHS-2022Supplements) **via the link below**. The EOI form (p. 3) asks for a short research project, brief statement of career goals, candidate biosketch, and names of mentor(s).

The ITHS TL1 team will review EOIs and inform candidates if they have been selected in March 2023.

Candidates selected to submit applications will work in collaboration with their mentors and ITHS faculty and staff to prepare the full supplement application for submission in late June 2023 (with an NIH due date of 7/3/2023). The full application includes Specific Aims (1 page) and a Program Plan (up to 12 pages) that includes a research plan, career development plan, mentoring faculty, and mentoring plan. ITHS will provide complete project management, administrative, and budgeting support, as well as scientific review and editing.

Final, full applications will be submitted to NIH and reviewed by NIH program staff. We anticipate that NIH will notify ITHS of funding decisions in Autumn/Winter 2023.

[**Submit Application**](https://redcap.link/g8mzchln)

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| **Key Dates** | |
| EOI application to ITHS | March 1, 2023 |
| Notification of selection for full application | March |
| Development of full application with ITHS support | March through June |
| Appointment start date | March 1, 2024 |

**Additional TL1 Eligibility Details**

* **Applicants must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents** at the time of application.
* With either a U.S. Permanent Resident Card (form I-551)
* Or other verification of legal status as a permanent resident
* Must be a pre-doctoral student enrolled in a program to obtain either:
* PhD in a health science research-related doctoral degree program,
* Or a combined doctoral level professional degree (such as a MD, DDS, DNP, PharmD/MS or MD, DDS, DNP, PharmD/PhD) plus a clinical research-related advanced degree (e.g., MPH).
* Must be able to commit full time effort to the program at the beginning of the appointment period in June of 2024 and remain in the program for at least 2 years. You cannot be on an NRSA grant during this time.

**Applicants are ineligible if:**

* They conduct research outside of the United States during their appointment.
* Accept salary support from other Public Health Service-funded grants during their appointment.
* Have previously received five years or more of NRSA support in aggregate at the predoctoral level, including any combination of support from institutional training grants (T32 or TL1) and individual fellowship awards.

**Questions?** [ithsnav@uw.edu](mailto:ithsnav@uw.edu)

**TL1 Supplement Application Form**

To be considered for a TL1 Supplement, complete the form below and upload as a .DOCX attachment to the online application form no later than 5 pm PT on March 1, 2023: <https://redcap.link/g8mzchln>

Please complete all form fields below. If a text field is not applicable, list as “N/A”. Text in grey is provided for guidance and should be deleted when you enter relevant data. EOI text on preceding pages may be deleted.

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| **Candidate information** | |
| Full name |  |
| Email address |  |
| University you are applying from |  |
| School/College or Department(s) |  |
| Degree program(s) in which you’re enrolled |  |
| Start date of current program |  |
| Current GPA |  |
| Prior degree(s) and field of study |  |
| Are you currently on a training grant or fellowship? |  |
| Current training/fellowship funding source(s) | If yes to previous question, provide award number and fellowship start/end dates. |
| Are you a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident? |  |
| Do you meet other eligibility criteria listed on page 2? |  |
| How many months of research experience do you have after college (baccalaureate)? |  |
| **Proposed TL1 Research Project** | |
| Title of research project [200 characters max] |  |
| Project abstract or description [3000 characters max] |  |
| Mentor team [list up to 3 mentors – names, degrees, department/institute] | 1.  2.  3. |
| Scientific career plan and long-term research goal(s) [Up to 1000 characters] |  |
| NIH Biosketch; use these links for the biosketch [form](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm) and [instructions](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/forms-g/general/g.240-r&r-seniorkey-person-profile-(expanded)-form.htm#Instructions) (scroll to the heading “instructions for a biographical sketch”). | Please append a draft of your NIH biosketch (not to exceed 5 pages) to the end of this application form. |