Postdoctoral Translational Scholars Program (PTSP) FAQ

Who is eligible for the PTSP award? Individuals with Ph.D. degrees who are interested in obtaining additional training in translational sciences and/or exposure to clinical health care.

When are applications due? Applications are due annually in spring; generally in early March. This is subject to change. Please see our website for the most up to date information.

What format is the application in? The PTSP application follows the NIH K award format excluding some sections. There is an online component to complete and all application materials (candidate background, career plan, etc.) must be submitted electronically in one complete PDF document.

What do I need to include in the application? Some of the items you need to include are:

1. A project budget broken down by year-one and year-two
2. Project summary/abstract with specific aims
3. Biosketches – yours and both your research mentors
4. Letters of support from a basic science mentor and a clinical mentor
5. 2 Letters of recommendation
6. Information about human subjects protections and animal use

Complete application instructions can be found here: [https://umms.infoready4.com/](https://umms.infoready4.com/)

May I apply if I am post-doc fellow from another institution? Yes, but only if you have secured a position to start at the University of Michigan by July 1. Enrollment in the program will be contingent on your UM employment status effective July 1.

This is the first time I will be writing a grant application. Is there someone that can assist me with setting up my budget? You are encouraged to work with your department research administrator, or your mentor’s research administrator to assist you in developing your proposal. It is best to contact this person very early in the process and to send them the application links. Find your research administrator here: [http://cgi.research.umich.edu/web_bluepages/](http://cgi.research.umich.edu/web_bluepages/)

I am having trouble finding a clinical mentor. Is there someone who can help me identify one? Yes! Please contact PTSP Program Director, Dr. Donna Shewach (dshewach@umich.edu).

General application questions and concerns can be emailed to:
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