Postdoctoral Translational Scholars Program (PTSP) FAQ

Who is eligible for the PTSP award? Individuals with a Ph.D. degree, and appointed at the level of Postdoctoral Research Fellow or Research Investigator, who are interested in obtaining training in translational sciences and/or exposure to clinical health care.

When are applications due? Applications are due in the fall. This is subject to change. Please see our website for the most up to date information.

Do I have to be a US citizen to apply? No. There are currently no residency requirements to apply to the PTSP.

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
3. Specific aims and research strategy
4. Biosketches – yours and your basic science and clinical research mentors
5. Candidate background and career objectives
6. Career development and clinical immersion plans
7. Letters of support from your basic science and clinical mentors
8. Two letters of recommendation
9. Information about human subject’s protections and animal use

Complete application instructions can be found under our application here: https://umms.infoready4.com/

May I apply if I am a scholar from another institution? Yes, but only if you have secured employment to start at the University of Michigan by March 1 following the application deadline. Enrollment in the program will be contingent on your UM employment status effective by March 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 him/her the application links. Find your research administrator here: 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 the PTSP Program Director, Dr. Steven Harte (seharte@umich.edu).

General application questions and concerns can be emailed to:
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