

Primary care Investigators Training in Chronic disease & Health disparities (PITCH) Fellowship

Overview:

The goal of this HRSA-funded T32 fellowship is to train the next generation of primary care clinical investigators to improve health outcomes and care delivery for patients living with HIV and vulnerable populations from underserved backgrounds.

The PITCH Fellowship will recruit fellows from diverse backgrounds and train four (two first-year and two second-year) primary care fellows each year. Research projects will be aimed primarily at transforming HIV primary and secondary prevention, HIV treatment and care, and behavioral interventions related to the promotion of health in infected and vulnerable populations, including biomedical approaches to support our ongoing efforts to end the HIV epidemic.

Fellows will attain the core competencies for research in HIV prevention and HIV treatment and care and formal education addressing responsible conduct of research, oral and written presentation, manuscript and grant writing, leadership skills, and project management. Fellows will be offered the opportunity to complete a [Master of Science in Public Health Sciences for Clinical Professionals](#) or [Master of Public Health](#), in addition to receiving dedicated, aligned mentorship with at least biweekly meetings and quarterly mentorship reviews. Through these activities, our fellows will become experts in the key principles of HIV prevention and HIV treatment and care research affecting underserved populations, the communication of their findings, leveraging policy to improve equity, and gain the fundamental skills that are required for rigorous academic research careers.

Eligibility

All primary care clinicians with a commitment to a clinical investigator career will be considered for this two-year fellowship. Non-clinical PhDs are also eligible. Priority will be given to physician candidates from the specialties of infectious disease (HIV) and/or those from underrepresented backgrounds.

Applicants must be board-eligible or board-certified in internal medicine, family medicine, and/or pediatrics and eligible for licensure in the state of IL by July 1 of their first fellowship year. In addition, due to federal regulations based on our funding, applicants are required to be U.S. citizens or have permanent U.S. residence status at the time of the application.

Application Process:

Applying requires a 1) CV, 2) personal statement, and 3) brief Redcap survey. The personal statement should explain why you are interested in this fellowship, your general area of research, name potential mentors, and describe your long-term goals including the position you think you would want after completing the fellowship. The Fellowship has a particular interest in recruiting fellows from diverse backgrounds, so please also include information about your personal background.

If applicants move to the interview stage, then applicants will be asked to submit 3 letters of recommendation and an example of their research writing, if available.

Important Dates:

Call for Applications: 4/1/21-8/31/2021

Applicant Interviews: 7/1/21-9/30/21

Deadline for Acceptance: 10/20/21

Fellowship start date: 7/1/2022

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