

Call for CPRIT BIG-TCR Predoctoral Fellowship Applications in Cancer Research

Dear predoctoral trainees and colleagues:

UTHealth was recently awarded a CPRIT research training grant entitled: Biomedical Informatics, Genomics and Translational Cancer Research Training Program (BIG-TCR). The first cycle of predoctoral fellowship application is now open. Our mission is to provide a highly interactive, innovative, and interdisciplinary training environment to train the next-generation researchers and leaders in the field of cancer research, by leveraging UTHealth's top research programs in cancer biology, stem cell biology, pharmacology and drug discovery, genomics and other omics, data science and artificial intelligence, clinical informatics, and translational medicine.

Eligibility:

To apply to this fellowship, applicants must:

- be citizens or permanent residents of the United States, or international trainees holding a valid visa for the duration of the fellowship in the UTHealth;
- be full-time enrolled in one of the six UTHealth schools;
- live and work in Texas during the fellowship period;
- have already completed the first-year rotation and joined a UTHealth affiliated laboratory, with the proposed research being related to cancer.

Program benefits and duration:

- \$28,000 stipend plus tuition and student health insurance;
- \$1,000 travel expenses for presentations at national meetings;
- BIG-TCR predoctoral fellows will be appointed each year with the possibility of renewal, dependent upon successful academic and research progress, and active engagement in the BIG-TCR Training Program.

BIG-TCR Mentorship:

- To meet the interdisciplinary competency of BIG-TCR training program, applicants supervised by a current primary mentor must find another mentor from their complementary side (e.g., trainees in the TCR area needs to find a co-mentor in the BIG area, and *vice versa*).
- Both mentors must be tenured/tenure-track faculty affiliated with UTHealth
- Primary mentorship application is limited to one per faculty for each funding announcement cycle. Faculty can be co-mentors for more than one trainee.

Please visit our website <https://www.uth.edu/BIG-TCR/> to know more about the program details. Application forms can be found at the BIG-TCR [Predoctoral Training Program page](#) ("How to Apply" section). **All application materials, including application form, *curriculum vitae*, academic transcripts, and letters of recommendation must be sent to BIG.TCR@uth.tmc.edu before 11:59 pm of October 11, 2021.** The selected candidates will be available for interview between **October 18 and October 29, 2021**. A detailed interview procedure will be included in the next steps. Both primary and co-mentors are welcome to support their trainees during the interview. Please contact BIG.TCR@uth.tmc.edu if you have any additional questions.

Please use either Word or PDF file to prepare the application materials, but send the application in PDF format.

Please share and spread this program information to potential candidates.