

Request for Applications

North Carolina Translational and Clinical Science Institute (NC TraCS)

Clinical Trialist Training Program

LEADERSHIP

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NC TraCS announces the fifth iteration of the Clinical Trialist Training Program (CTTP), a funding opportunity for SOM faculty who are interested in obtaining training to become a site investigator for sponsor-initiated multicenter clinical trials that augment their department's research portfolio.

The CTTP will provide 10% salary support (up to the NIH cap).

The CTTP offers both didactic training and hands-on trial experience including:

1. Participation in a Clinical Trialist Training Bootcamp, which includes review of four didactic sessions and group discussions (didactic sessions cover topics including study start-up, coordinator staff oversight, responsibilities of the Principal Investigator (PI), and others)
2. Participation in "deep dive sessions" on topics such as budgeting, research team management, promptly reportable information, and others
3. Identification of multicenter trials in which to participate as the site PI
4. Feasibility and financial assessment of trials to determine likelihood of successful implementation and recruitment at UNC, including how to identify future clinical trials and determine feasibility.
5. Contract execution and IRB applications for selected trials
6. Recruitment strategies, tools and budgeting for selected trials

The faculty selected for the CTTP will be supported by NC TraCS staff in completing the study activities as needed (listed in 3-6 above).

The goals for each CTTP awardee are:

1. To engage in new clinical trials by the end of the one-year program that will generate continued salary support for the faculty member (of at least 10%) and cover all research costs of the trials (e.g., coordinator support, IRB applications, etc.);
2. To develop a clinical trial portfolio, as a site PI, with sustained salary support (beyond 10%) for at least 3 years after the program.

KEY DATES

RFA Release Date:	February 12, 2025
Application Deadline:	March 12, 2025 @ 5:00 pm
Applicant Notification:	Early April 2025
Proposed Appointment Term:	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

ELIGIBILITY

Position and Degree Requirements

- **Full-time clinical faculty appointment** (tenure or non-tenure track) **in the School of Medicine** at the rank of Associate Professor or lower at the time of award.
- **Clinical doctoral degree** (MD or DO or foreign equivalent) or a dual degree (MD/PhD).
- **Board certified in specialty**

Salary and Time Commitment

- Ability to commit **10% full-time professional effort** for program activities.
The 10% effort is based on the entire amount of time worked in a typical week and should be proportionate.

There are no limits on the number of faculty in each department that can apply for these positions. We anticipate enrolling up to 4 CTTTP Scholars in this cycle.

REVIEW FACTORS

Candidate Factors

- Current clinical commitment
- Other academic responsibilities (research, teaching, administrative)
- Current and prior level of involvement in clinical trials
- Level of enthusiasm for becoming a multisite clinical trialist
- Access to the patient population(s) for the candidate's research area of interest(s)
- Long term career goals to incorporate clinical trials work

Departmental Factors

- Research areas of interest
- Current clinical trial portfolio
- Interest in expanding clinical trials portfolio to other research areas
- Gaps in department clinical trials portfolio that this candidate will help cover
- Evidence of ability to assist in the recruitment of clinical trial opportunities for the trainee.
- Availability of senior site clinical trialists who are willing to mentor awardees
- Resources available to support candidates (e.g., coordinator support in department, financial and administrative support, etc.)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Submission of a letter (maximum 2 pages) by applicant that addresses the candidate factors described above.
2. Submission of a letter by the candidate's department chair or division chief (maximum 2 pages) that addresses the department factors described above. This letter should state a commitment by the chair or chief to protect 10% of the candidate's time to participate in the program activities and describe how the candidate's clinical and other commitments would be modified to adjust for 10% salary support, if awarded.
3. Submission of applicant's current CV which includes information about Board Certification
4. All applications should be submitted via email by March 12th 2025 at 5:00pm to Catherine Barnes at catherine_barnes@med.unc.edu

MORE INFORMATION

Visit the *CRSO* website for information about the CTTTP program, requirements, expectations, and application process.

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