

UNC Fellowship in Research in Complementary and Integrative Healthcare

The University of North Carolina School of Medicine, through the Program on Integrative Medicine, the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, has been awarded an NIH T-32 Fellowship Training Grant for Research in Complementary, Alternative and Integrative Medicine. This program, now in its third five-year funding cycle, provides support for up to 3 years of research training. Fellows will have access to clinical research coursework and individualized mentoring with selected faculty from multiple UNC departments, divisions and centers.

The program's overall goal is to recruit talented postdoctoral health professionals and allied scientists for training in research designed to examine the efficacy, effectiveness, safety, mechanisms of action and cost-benefits of complementary and integrative healthcare (CIH). Fellows receive rigorous training in research methodology as well as a firm grounding in CIH concepts and research issues. Fellows participate in the ongoing research of their mentors, develop and conduct studies that will create the foundation for future trials, and participate in the development of innovative tools and measurements for CIH approaches to care. The program continues to produce highly qualified, successful investigators whose careers contribute substantially to research in CIH.

Typically, trainees participate in a **three-year interdisciplinary program** designed for physicians, doctoral-level behavioral and social scientists, and doctoral level credentialed CIH practitioners. Trainees take research courses, attend seminars, and conduct individual mentored research projects along with a number of optional activities.

Program Description

The UNC Research Fellowship Program in Integrative Medicine provides the following opportunities:

- A multidisciplinary research and clinical environment that brings together physicians, CIH practitioners, and basic, behavioral, social, and health-services researchers in a premier academic health professions environment
- Formal coursework in epidemiology, statistics, and other quantitative as well as qualitative research methods, with an option for a Master's in Public Health or Master of Clinical Research degree
- Application of research methodology through hands-on involvement in one or more CIH research projects with faculty mentoring
- Formal coursework and seminars in a wide variety of CIH philosophies, proposed mechanisms of action and techniques used in health care
- Clinical experience in integrative approaches to care
- Interaction with other scholars/fellows to reinforce and deepen understanding of the research process through "works-in-progress" seminars that integrate and support experiences and knowledge
- Mentoring in grant writing and other academic faculty skills needed to attract funding for research

- Opportunities for teaching and presenting research

Eligibility

Complementary and Integrative Healthcare Post-doctoral Research Fellowships are open to individuals with doctoral degrees (e.g., MD, PhD, DO, DC, DOM, PharmD, ND, DPT, DNP). In order to qualify for this federally funded grant, an applicant must be a U.S. citizen, a non-citizen national or a foreign national possessing a visa permitting permanent U.S. residence. Having a temporary or student visa is not acceptable under this grant. Generally, the program hires three trainees per year. The University of North Carolina is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Application Process

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2016 fiscal year. Application materials include:

- Completed Application Form, including personal statement (download and complete)
- Curriculum Vita
- Three letters of recommendation

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