**2024 Expressions of Interest for Predoctoral Students**

**NIH INCLUDE Administrative Supplements**

**Expression of Interest Priority Deadline: July 29, 2024**

The ITHS TL1 program is a mentored research training program in translational science for predoctoral students. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) INCLUDE Project is offering supplemental funding to directly support additional TL1 Trainees to study conditions that co-occur with Down syndrome. ITHS invites eligible students to submit an expression of interest (EOI) to apply for this limited competition funding opportunity.

**Who should apply?**

Predoctoral students at UW or Montana State University may be eligible; additional requirements for the TL1 program are listed below.

The NIH Office of the Director (OD) funds the *INCLUDE* program – ***IN****vestigation of* ***C****o-occurring conditions across the* ***L****ifespan to* ***U****nderstand* ***D****own syndrom****E*** *(INCLUDE)* *–* for basic research, cohort studies, and clinical trials related to co-occurring conditions associated with Down syndrome. See the linked notice of special interest for more information and details on Down Syndrome co-occurring conditions ([NOT-TR-24-017](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-TR-24-017.html)).

*Note:* This funding mechanism allows us to apply for additional trainee appointments on the ITHS TL1 award. If your research does not match the topic areas listed in the notice, standard [ITHS TL1 Program](https://www.iths.org/education/graduate/tl1/) applications will open in autumn of 2024.

**What do TL1 supplements offer?**

If a supplement application is funded by NIH, the candidate will be appointed as an ITHS TL1 trainee beginning in March of 2025. Trainees participate in monthly interactive sessions with their peer cohort and receive mentorship to foster their transition to independent research careers. TL1 trainees supported by this supplement also receive:

* Stipend for up to 2 years (aligning with institutional NRSA salaries)
* Up to 60% of full-time tuition ($16,000/year maximum) for translational coursework
* $1,500 to support research activities
* $1,500 in travel to professional meetings and conferences
* Childcare per [NRSA guidelines](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-074.html)

Trainees must take the TL1 Seminar Course each quarter during year 1. Typically, trainees also take courses in Biostatistics and Epidemiological methods.

**How do candidates apply?**

Full applications must be submitted by ITHS to the NIH as Administrative Supplements to our TL1 award.

**Interested candidates** should ensure they meet the eligibility criteria and application requirements and then [**submit an EOI to ITHS**](https://redcap.link/ITHS-2022Supplements) **via the link below**. The EOI form asks for a short research project description, brief statement of career goals, candidate biosketch, and names of mentor(s).

The ITHS TL1 team will review EOIs and inform candidates if they have been selected in August, 2024.

Candidates selected to submit applications will work in collaboration with their mentors and ITHS faculty and staff to prepare the full supplement application for submission in October of 2024 (last due date allowed is 10/31/2024). The full application includes Specific Aims (1 page) and a Program Plan (12 pages) with a research program plan, career development plan, plus mentoring faculty and mentoring plan sections. ITHS will provide complete project management, administrative, and budgeting support, as well as scientific review and editing.

Final, full applications will be submitted to NIH and reviewed by IC program staff. Administrative supplements are not sent out for peer review, and are reviewed more rapidly than standard NIH applications. We anticipate that NIH will notify ITHS of funding decisions in early 2025.

[**https://redcap.link/n82eisst**](https://redcap.link/n82eisst)

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| **Key Dates**  |
| EOI application to ITHS  | due 7/29 |
| Notification of selection for full application | beginning of August  |
| Development of full application with ITHS support | August through October |
| Anticipated decision from NIH IC | early in 2025 |
| Appointment start date | March 1, 2025 |

**Additional TL1 Eligibility Details**

* **Applicants must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents** at the time of application.
* With either a U.S. Permanent Resident Card (form I-551)
* Or other verification of legal status as a permanent resident
* Must be a pre-doctoral student enrolled in a program to obtain either:
* PhD in a health science research-related doctoral degree program,
* Or a combined doctoral level professional degree (such as a MD, DDS, DNP, PharmD/MS or MD, DDS, DNP, PharmD/PhD) plus a clinical research-related advanced degree (e.g., MPH).
* Must be able to commit full time effort to the program at the beginning of the appointment period in March of 2025 and remain in the program for 2 years. You cannot be on an NRSA grant during this time.

**Applicants are ineligible if:**

* They conduct research outside of the United States during their appointment.
* Accept salary support from other Public Health Service-funded grants during their appointment.
* Have previously received five years or more of NRSA support in aggregate at the predoctoral level, including any combination of support from institutional training grants and individual fellowship awards.

**Questions?** ithsnav@uw.edu

**TL1 Supplement Application Form**

Complete the form below and upload as a .DOCX attachment to the online application form by 5 pm PT on July 29, 2024: <https://redcap.link/n82eisst>

Please complete all form fields below. If a text field is not applicable, list as “N/A”. Text in grey is provided for guidance and should be deleted when you enter relevant data. EOI text on preceding pages may be deleted.

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| **Candidate information** |
| Full name |       |
| Email address |       |
| Academic degree(s) completed |       |
| Title or Position |       |
| University you are applying from |  |
| School/College or Department(s) |       |
| Degree program(s) |       |
| Start date of current program |        |
| Current GPA |       |
| Prior degree and field of study |       |
| Are you currently on a training grant or fellowship? |  |
| Current training/fellowship funding source(s) | If yes to previous question, provide award number and fellowship start/end dates.      |
| Are you a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident?  |  |
| Do you meet other eligibility criteria listed on page 2? |  |
| How many months of research experience do you have after college? |       |
| **Proposed TL1 Research Project** |
| Title of research project [200 characters max] |       |
| Project abstract or description [3000 characters max] |       |
| Mentor team [list up to 3 mentors – names, degrees, department/institute] | 1.      2.      3.       |
| Scientific career plan and long-term goal(s) [Up to 1000 characters] |       |
| Why candidate's experience and qualifications make them particularly well-suited to receive an INCLUDE award [Up to 1000 characters] |       |
| NIH Biosketch | Please append a draft of your NIH biosketch (not to exceed 5 pages) to the end of this application form. |