



Short-term Studies by Post-doctoral Clinician-Scientists: Small Pilot Awards of up to \$5,000 are available for residents, fellows, and other clinical trainees whose mentors do not have financial support for the specific projects they seek to undertake. The applicant must be a Resident, Fellow, or other Clinical Trainee with the University of Chicago Medical Center, Rush University, NorthShore University Health System or Loyola University and must provide information why her/his mentor is unable to provide financial support to the project. Applicants should expect to remain at the University of Chicago to complete their awarded project.

Full applications should consist of a single PDF file and a separate Excel budget on the required template:

1. Lay Summary/Abstract (limited to 250 words)
2. A 7-page NIH-style research proposal including Specific Aims (1 page), and Research Plan (6 pages, including Significance, Innovation, and Approach).
3. NIH biosketch for the applicant and all mentors involved in the project (or CV)
4. Budget justification for all items requested within the budget template (see below). Requests for salary support must be detailed. Budgets for non-University of Chicago organizations should account for the organization's staff benefits. No indirect costs are allowed for any institution. Description of other funds (if any) available to support the project.
5. Letters of support from two mentors for trainee applicants
6. If the project involves human subjects, please include the following (outside of 7- page limitation):
 - Data Safety Monitoring Plan (summary paragraph)
 - IRB protocol or submission forms if not already IRB approved

Additionally, a budget on the required ITM budget template should be included to match the justification (item #5).

Applications are being accepted October 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023

Funding decisions will be made mid-late November