

## **Vanderbilt-Wide Limited Submission Opportunity**

### **NIH Bridges to the Doctorate Research Training Program (T32)**

***Applications due August 12, 2024***

**Vanderbilt (VU + VUMC):** This is a joint competition for VU and VUMC investigators. All investigators should follow these instructions.

Vanderbilt (VU+VUMC) may submit 1 application as the lead institution for the [Bridges to the Doctorate Research Training Program \(T32\)](#).

The goal of the Bridges to the Doctorate Research Training Program is to promote broad participation in the biomedical research workforce by strengthening research training environments and expanding the pool of well-trained master's students who transition to and complete biomedical Ph.Ds.

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) provides support to eligible, domestic organizations to develop and implement effective, evidence-informed approaches to biomedical graduate training and mentoring to support the development of a biomedical research workforce that will benefit from the full range of perspectives, experiences and backgrounds needed to advance discovery. NIGMS expects organizations to engage in outreach and recruitment activities to encourage individuals from underrepresented groups to participate in the program. The proposed research training programs will incorporate didactic, research, and career development elements to prepare trainees for careers that will have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the nation.

This program requires strong partnerships between at least two postsecondary educational organizations: one that supports training at the master's degree level (Master's-Training Organization), and a separate organization that supports biomedical Ph.D. training (Ph.D.-Training Organization). Eligible organizations for these partnerships include:

- **Master's Training Organization:**
  - An organization where the highest biomedically-related research degree offered is a master's degree, OR
  - An organization that is a Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCU) or a Tribally Controlled Colleges and University (TCCU), including those that offer biomedical Ph.Ds.
- **Ph.D.-Training Organization:** An organization that grants its own biomedical Ph.Ds.

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) does not allow appointed Trainees to lead an independent clinical trial, but does allow them to obtain research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor.

Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

See the [solicitation](#) for more information.

**Internal Application Process:**

Anyone interested in being considered as Vanderbilt's potential nominee must submit the following (in PDF format) to [LSO@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:LSO@vanderbilt.edu) by **5 p.m. on August 12, 2024**.

- Brief (2-page maximum) project description, with a summary budget
- Proposed partnership and list of Vanderbilt key personnel and collaborators
- NIH Biosketch or 5-page CV for each PI/PD
- Statement of support from department chair/center director

Any questions about this opportunity or the LSO process may be directed to [LSO@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:LSO@vanderbilt.edu).