

## TST Program FAQ

### **What is the Translational Science Training (TST) Program?**

The TST Program is a training program supported by a NIH / National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) federally-funded career development training program for predoctoral trainees and postdoctoral fellows. The TST Program at UT Health San Antonio is linked to the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) administered by the Institute for Integration of Medicine and Science (IIMS) at UT Health San Antonio. Trainees appointed to the TST Program are recognized as UT Health San Antonio TST Trainees.

### **Who should apply?**

All predoctoral students and postdoctoral fellows who are interested in pursuing research careers in Translational Science should apply.

### **What is the benefit for the Trainees?**

The Trainees will engage in Translation Science, broaden their scientific perspective, engage in Team Science training, prepare for their research career, receive mentoring, communicate their research, and receive feedback on their research. Trainees will earn the Translational Science Certificate.

### **What are the benefits for Research Mentors?**

The TST Program offers mentor training for Research Mentors and assists the Research Mentor in providing mentoring for the TST Trainee. TST Program Directors meet at least monthly with the Trainees, accompany them to the Translational Science annual national meeting, and supervise Trainees as they complete rigorous training in translational science, team science, community engagement, scientific communication, and networking at local and national meetings. In addition, the Program includes an annual stipend at the NIH-specified level, a portion of the Trainee's tuition and fees, travel support, and other training-related expenses.

### **What is the involvement for the Trainees and Research Mentors?**

Trainees will meet with their Advisory Committee (which includes their Research Mentor) at least twice yearly. The duration of the Program is 24 months.

### **What are the expectations from the TST Program?**

Trainees will engage in program activities, including graduate coursework, monthly meetings, workshops, and seminars. Trainees will present their research at scientific meetings and acknowledge the support of the TST Program on all publications and presentations.