



***Training Program in Translational Cardiovascular Science, T32 HL 007936***  
**Candidate Review and Eligibility Criteria**

***Training Program in Translational Cardiovascular Science Criteria:***

- ✓ Candidates who are clearly on track for an outstanding career in academic cardiovascular research.
- ✓ Candidates who will have publications during the period of support.
- ✓ Candidates who are likely to secure individual funding in the future.
- ✓ Candidates whose research is related or foundational to cardiovascular function or disease.

***NRSA Candidate Eligibility Criteria:***

- ✓ Candidate must be a citizen or a noncitizen national ([link](#) explaining this status) of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time of appointment to be considered for this training grant.
- ✓ Appointments must be at least nine months.
- ✓ Applicants from underrepresented groups, including Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), people from disadvantaged backgrounds, and women, are encouraged to apply ([link](#) to the Notice of NIH's Interest in Diversity).
- ✓ NIH payback requirements apply to all postdoctoral positions. ([link](#))
- ✓ Individuals may receive no more than 5 years of aggregate NRSA support at the predoctoral level and 3 years of support at the postdoctoral level, including any combination of support from either NRSA institutional training grants or NRSA individual awards. No support is available for postdoctoral candidates beyond 7 years of training.

***Criteria for Second Year of Funding***

The ***Training Program in Translational Cardiovascular Science*** encourages second year appointments for current predoctoral and postdoctoral students. The criteria we will consider are:

- Candidate's planned or pending individual fellowship or grant applications.
- Candidate's evidence of satisfactory productivity from first year of support.
- The availability or potential for other sources of stipend support and the impact of this funding for the trainee and the trainer's research program will be reviewed in an application for second year funding.
- Research area of candidate must fit within training grant portfolio.

To apply for a ***second year*** of funding on the ***Training Program in Translational Cardiovascular Science***, trainers must submit a letter of support addressing items listed above. The letter should accompany the Annual Progress Report that the trainee submitted for the previous year and will be sent to the Selection Committee for review.

The ***Training Program in Translational Cardiovascular Science*** funds third-year appointments at the postdoctoral level only under exceptional circumstances if a slot is available. The mentor, in these cases, must demonstrate why independent funding was not obtained by the trainee candidate.

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