

Call for Genetics Training Grant Applications

Application deadline: Monday, July 13, 2020

Information session: Do you have questions about the Genetics Training Program? Join us on Wednesday, June 17 from 2:00-3:00 PM for an overview of GTP activities and a Q&A. Zoom Meeting ID: 919 9015 2359, Password: 639273 or click [here](#).

We have openings for multiple predoctoral traineeships on the Genetics Training Grant in the next 6 months. We invite applications from graduate students in **Years 1-2 (graduate school entry dates 2018-2019)**.

The Genetics Training Program provides stipend support and training activities for graduate students doing genetic research, broadly defined. We particularly urge applications from (1) individuals from racial and ethnic groups that are underrepresented in the health-related sciences, (2) individuals with disabilities, and (3) individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. Information about NIH definitions and guidelines can be found at the following website: <https://diversity.nih.gov/about-us/population-underrepresented>.

All application materials should be submitted to Patty Lisieski, Human Genetics (pattyl@genetics.utah.edu).

Applications must include the following items:

1. Completed **Summer 2020 Cover Sheet** (2 pages).
2. Your **curriculum vitae** with a description of your education, research experience, publications, presentations and any other STEM-oriented activities.
3. A **short description of your thesis research project**. This should address the following points: i) what is the "big problem" or context of your work; ii) what is the important open question you want to focus on and why is it important; iii) what are the specific approaches you will take to address this question, formatted as a set of Aims. You should emphasize connections of your project to the field of genetics. Also briefly indicate progress, if any, you have accomplished so far. Include strategic literature references. There is a **limit of two pages, not including references or figures**. Font must be 11pt Arial, single spaced, with 1 inch margins.

The proposal must be written entirely by the student applicant.

4. Copies of your academic **transcripts**, both undergraduate and graduate. These can be informal; you do not need to obtain official copies.

5. The **committee's report** from either your departmental prelim exam or, if you have not yet completed the prelim, your 1st-year capstone exam.

Submit Items 1-5 above as a single pdf file to pattyl@genetics.utah.edu

6. **Three letters of support.** One must be from your advisor. Your advisor's letter should make sure to address the independence with which you composed and wrote your proposal. The other letters should be from faculty familiar with your academic or research potential (instructors, examiners, rotation advisors, or committee members).

Letters should be sent directly to pattyl@genetics.utah.edu.