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**Request for Applications**  
**TL1 Predoctoral Clinical and Translational Research Training Program**  
**Summer 2022 Appointment Starting July 1, 2022**  
**Applications Due: January 4, 2022**

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**Program Summary**

Frontiers Clinical and Translational Science Institute at the University of Kansas invites applicants from all Frontiers partner institutions to apply to the NIH-funded TL1 Predoctoral Clinical and Translational Research Training Program.

The award is specifically designed to stimulate interest in clinical research careers for MD, DO, DNP, PharmD, DPT, DDS, and DVM students within the final two years of their clinical doctoral degree by creating a dual-degree training track designed to foster active learning and clinical and translational science career development.

Frontiers is wholly committed to attracting and welcoming diverse early-stage researchers to its institutions. Underrepresented minorities and those from disadvantaged backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

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**Benefits of the Program**

- One year of training and support
- Intensive mentored research experience with formal training in clinical and translational research
- MS-Clinical Research degree with full tuition remission
- Monthly NIH NRSA Predoctoral trainee stipend
- Research funds provided (e.g. project supplies, publication costs, consultant services, etc.)
- Travel support to attend the National Association for Clinical and Translational conference

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Frontiers Clinical and Translational Science Institute at the University of Kansas is part of a nationwide network of Clinical and Translational Science Awards institutions working to speed the research process from scientific discovery to patient care. Frontiers supports the spectrum of translational research, from animal health studies to community-based and population health outcomes research. Frontiers recognizes that diverse teams are essential to improve health, and of utmost importance are the partnerships and collaborations with communities, families, and individuals. Frontiers is supported by a five-year, \$25 million grant from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) of the NIH.

## Meet some of our TL1 Graduates



**Amanda Fletcher, MD**  
2016 TL1 Graduate  
Orthopedic Surgery Resident  
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**Ebony Onianwa, MS**  
2020 TL1 Graduate  
Medical Student  
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**Stephanie Assimonye, MS**  
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## Structure and Metrics of the TL1 Program

**Structure:** Early in the program trainees determine their training needs to create an individual career development plan (IDP). The IDP along with input from TL1 program leadership and mentors guide each trainee's individual training experience. To further enhance the experience, opportunities to participate in regular seminars, grant writing workshops, externships, and multidisciplinary mentorship are provided.

**Metrics:** Program achievement metrics include both quantitative (i.e., publications, grants submitted/awarded, and future professional appointments) and qualitative (knowledge/skills in research methods, perceived benefits of mentorship interactions, and readiness to promote team science) measures.

## Eligibility

Individuals must meet the following requirements to apply:

- United States citizen or non-citizen national, or have legal admission as a permanent resident
- Currently enrolled in an MD, DO, DPT, DNP, PharmD, DDS, DVM or other clinical program at a Frontiers partner institution
- Proof of prerequisite coursework completion in basic sciences and mathematics
- Approved leave of absence from your current program to complete the MS-CR coursework and participate exclusively in Frontiers sponsored or approved activities

## How to Apply

If you would like to discuss your mentorship plan or research proposal prior to applying, use the link [https://bit.ly/Frontiers\\_TL1](https://bit.ly/Frontiers_TL1) to request an appointment. Otherwise, you may use the link to submit your application before the deadline of **January 4, 2022**, which should include:

- A personal statement with a description of your previous research experience and career objectives. You may use the same personal statement for your MS-Clinical Research application
- 1-page proposal for a mentored research project (template provided at the application link)
- Your resume/CV
- NIH biosketch from the proposed primary mentor
- Three letters of support from: 1) your primary mentor describing how you integrate into the mentor's currently funded research efforts and how you actively participate in a research project suitable for first-authored publication at the end of your dedicated year of research training; 2) the Dean of Students; and 3) one additional letter of support from a faculty member or someone that you have worked with closely.