

TO: Training Faculty in Virus Research
FROM: Institute for Molecular Virology Training Program
RE: Predoctoral Training Fellowship
DATE: January 6, 2023

Applicants are sought for a predoctoral training fellowship competition in the Institute for Molecular Virology Training Program (IMVTP), which is supported from NIH T32 AI83196. The overarching research theme of the IMVTP is virus-host cell interactions, which encompasses 1) mechanisms of viral replication, restriction and immune interactions, and 2) viral molecular pathogenesis.

The training fellowship will be for a period of one year. Based upon satisfactory progress, students may be eligible for annual renewal for up to 2 years. Please forward this information to qualified graduate students from your research group. Student eligibility rules:

1. Preference will be given to students who have completed two years of graduate training and have a first-authored or co-authored research publication(s); students should have 12 months remaining toward completion of their Ph.D. Dual degree students (i.e., D.D.S./Ph.D., D.V.M./Ph.D., J.D./Ph.D., and M.D./Ph.D.) are encouraged to apply.
2. Students must be U.S. citizens or have a permanent visa.
3. The student's Ph.D. research must include a project relevant to the IMVTP research theme.

Applications must be submitted by the student via e-mail IN A SINGLE PDF DOCUMENT to virology@umn.edu by 5:00 PM on January 31, 2023. The application should consist of the following items:

- Completed IMVTP application form.
- A cover letter stating: 1) how long they have been in graduate school, 2) which requirements in their graduate program that they have completed and which remain to be completed along with an expected date of completion, 3) a statement of their career goals.
- Undergraduate and graduate school transcripts.
- A statement on how support from the IMVTP will help them achieve their career goals (1 page).
- A brief description (2 pages) of their dissertation research project.
- A current NIH Biosketch including a Personal Statement.
- The mentor's NIH Biosketch and Other Support Page (current and pending support).

Students should request letters of recommendation be submitted from 1) their mentor and 2) a faculty member familiar with the student. These are to be sent separately from the student's application and emailed to virology@umn.edu by the application deadline.

For the student to be eligible, the student's mentor must: (1) be engaged in virus research; (2) have current support for their research program; and (3) have mentored at least 1 predoctoral student to the successful passing of their preliminary exams. The mentor must also agree to participate in IMV activities, including giving at least one recruitment talk at another institution each year with the intent of attracting additional under-represented students to UMN graduate programs and potentially the IMVTP.

Applications will be evaluated by the IMV Advisory Committee.