Dear Graduate Students

We are soliciting applications for predoctoral trainees for the T32-Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia Training Program (ADRD-TP). This T32 supports trainees who are or will be engaged in multidisciplinary research in Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia (ADRD).

The four major disciplines/themes of this training program are as follows:

- Basic Biology
- Clinical and Translational Research
- Drug Discovery and Development
- Biophysics, Bioinformatics and Data Science

In order to apply, your PhD mentor must be an approved mentor in the ADRD training program. In addition to your PhD mentor, you must also select a co-mentor from a different discipline/theme. Your co-mentor must be an approved mentor or associate in the ADRD training program. Each applicant should demonstrate engagement in at least two of the four disciplines/themes. Please visit our website for more information on mentors and associates and their research.

In order to apply, you must be a US citizen or a permanent resident.

Application:
1. Application Cover Page (found on the website)
2. Research Training Plan in a format similar to an NRSA which includes the following:
   i. Abstract (limited to 250 words)
   ii. Specific Aims (limited to 1 page)
   iii. Research Strategy – including Background & Significance, Preliminary Studies, & Approach (please follow the NRSA guidelines - limited to 6 pages)
   iv. Mentor & Co – Mentor Statements (limited to 6 pages)- The applicant's Research Training Plan should be individualized for the applicant, keeping in mind the candidate's strengths and any gaps in needed skills. The Research Training Plan should be designed to enhance the expertise of the applicant in both the primary and secondary disciplines/themes. Describe the Research Training Plan that you have developed specifically for the fellowship applicant to enhance training in each of the disciplines/themes. Be sure to include the following points:
      • Indicate the relationship of the proposed research training to the applicant's career goals.
      • Include opportunities for interaction with other groups and scientists, and any professional skills development opportunities.
      • Describe the research environment and available research facilities and equipment.
3. NIH Biosketch including a Personal Statement
4. Transcripts (do not have to be official)

Please email a single document in PDF format to adrd-apply@uic.edu Monday, July 13th, 2020.
Also, you must request two letters of reference (cannot be your mentor or co-mentor). The letters of reference must be emailed to adrd-apply@uic.edu by the application deadline.

To learn more about this training opportunity, please visit our website or contact one of the directors.

We look forward to your application,

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