2016 FAQ: Postdoctoral Translational Scholars Program (PTSP)

Who is eligible for the PTSP award? Individuals with Ph.D. degrees who are interested in obtaining additional training in translational sciences and/or exposure to clinical health care. You must also be a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident.

When are applications due? Applications for the 2015 PTSP program are due Monday, March 1, 2016.
- A letter of intent is due January 12: goo.gl/forms/r8xfwaU693

What format is the application in? The PTSP application follows the NIH K award format excluding some sections. There is an online survey component to complete and all application materials (candidate background, career plan, etc.) must be submitted electronically in one complete PDF document.

What do I need to include in the application? Some of the items you need to include are:
1. A project budget broken down by year-one and year-two
2. Project summary/abstract with specific aims
3. Biosketches – yours and both your research mentors
4. Letters of support from a basic science mentor and a clinical mentor
5. 2 Letters of recommendation
6. Information about human subjects protections and animal use

Complete application instructions can be found here: https://umms.infoready4.com/

May I apply if I am post-doc fellow from another institution? Yes, but only if you have secured a position to start at the University of Michigan by July 1. Acceptance in the program will be contingent on your UM employment status effective July 1.

This is the first time I will be writing a grant application. Is there someone that can assist me with setting up my budget? You are encouraged to work with your department research administrator, or your mentor’s research administrator to assist you in developing your proposal. It is best to contact this person very early in the process and to send them the application links. Find your research administrator here: http://cgi.research.umich.edu/web_bluepages/

I am having trouble finding a clinical mentor. Is there someone who can help me identify one? Yes! Please contact the MICHR Postdoctoral Programs Designer, Lise Anderson (lisand@umich.edu). She will be able to provide you with feedback and guide you to next steps. You may also speak with the PTSP Program Director, Dr. Donna Shewach (dshewach@umich.edu) to obtain more information or ideas.

I applied last year, can I re-apply? YES! Please seek mentoring and support in developing your proposal. You may email Dr. Donna Shewach to meet with her for feedback on your last application and guidance on re-applying. For an appointment, please contact her directly at dshewach@umich.edu.

General application questions and concerns can be emailed to:
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