

FAQS FOR THE TREC APPLICATION

1. How do I apply for the TREC program?

If you are interested in applying for the TREC program, or would simply like to learn more, please contact Dr. Alt: andyalt@umich.edu

Dr. Alt will provide an application form and can answer questions that you may have about the program.

The application deadline is August 7, 2018

In your application, you will be asked to provide:

- Contact information for your PhD mentor
- Any current or former fellowship or training grant support, along with effective dates
- A description of your dissertation research project, and how participation in the certificate program will enhance your education and career goals (no more than 500 words)
- A description of your proposed translational project and its clinical relevance, with a research plan and specific aims (not more than 1000 words)
- Reference letters from your PhD mentor, your Department or Program Chair, clinical or research mentor
- A copy of your CV

2. What qualifies as a “translational project”?

The translational project must have as its goal providing benefit to human health. The project must directly involve humans, human tissue, or human data in some aspect. For example, your project could involve testing that uses tissue specimens from humans, evaluation of data derived from a clinical protocol, etc. If you have any questions about what constitutes a translational project, contact Dr. Alt.

3. Am I eligible to apply to TREC if I’m already a candidate?

Yes. A Rackham PhD student who has completed at least one year of graduate school by the time of proposed entry into TREC and has chosen a PhD mentor is eligible to apply.

4. Do I have to list a clinical co-mentor on the application?

While having a clinical co-mentor at the time of application is desirable, it is not required. It is expected that you and your PhD mentor will select a clinical co-mentor shortly after you have been accepted to the certificate program.

5. Do I need a clinical co-mentor if my PhD mentor is a clinician?

Yes, you will still need a separate clinical co-mentor.

6. I've already successfully completed one of the courses required for the TREC program. Do I have to take it again?

No, you won't have to retake courses. Required courses can count for both TREC and your PhD program.

7. Do I need to submit the Rackham supplemental application at the same time as the TREC application?

No, you can submit the Rackham supplemental application after you submit the TREC application.