

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: TRANSITION TO ACADEMIC CAREERS (TRACS)

### ABOUT TRACS

TRACS is a one-year paid research training program designed to strengthen the research capacity of medical, graduate, and select postbaccalaureate students as they transition to the next stage of their careers in biomedicine or public health. Focused on advancing health, TRACS provides scholars with rigorous research training, guided by experienced mentors, while offering opportunities to contribute to ongoing research and scientific publications. The program aims to enhance students' competitiveness for residency or post-doctoral training through comprehensive research experience.



### PROGRAM DATES

July 1st, 2026 - June 30th, 2027

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 1st, 2026

### STIPEND

- \$25,000 total will be provided in quarterly payments.
- Scholars are responsible for their own housing and transportation.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a US Citizen/ Permanent Resident / Visa holders not eligible.
- A current student in a pre-doctoral program within the United States (For example: DrPH, MD, PhD, DNP) or a student in their gap year planning to apply to doctoral program.
- Demonstrate interest in public health, clinical, and basic science focused on translational research.
- Being in good academic standing.
- **Be able to dedicate 20 hours per week for one year.**

### HOW TO APPLY

- A cover letter including the applicant's career goals, area of research interest, prior research experience, how they would benefit from participating in this program, and plans after the program (500 words, max)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Unofficial Transcript with course listing
- Letter of recommendation (1)

### Learn More About TRACS

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SCHOLARS ARE  
ADVANCING HEALTH  
THROUGH RESEARCH  
AND MENTORSHIP.

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