Drug Discovery in Infectious Disease Training
Call for Special Nominations December 2020
Due Date: December 10th at 5 pm

Nominations are requested for students in good academic standing who are strongly involved in infectious disease research with aspects of drug discovery for positions on this training grant. More than one nomination per laboratory is allowed. There is 1 vacated NIH funded training slot available to begin as soon as possible. The normal period of appointment is twelve months; however, this appointment will start in December and be reviewed towards the end of the Spring 2021 semester. Thus, funding beyond May of 2021 is not guaranteed. During this funding period, the student must be committed to research full time. Fellows will obtain a NIH-mandated stipend, full tuition, and fringe.

Eligibility
• US citizens and permanent residents are eligible for this one open NIH funded positions.
• The T32 and NIAID requirements are that trainees are Ph.D. candidates and must have passed their oral preliminary exam. These awards can be renewed for 1 year upon re-nomination (unless student is beyond the 5th year at that time).
• Awardees are not permitted to TA or receive other kinds of fellowship support during the award period.
• Commit to the program requirements (see: https://webdev.science.purdue.edu/ddid/index.html):
  - Participation in the I3D seminar series
  - Participation in the Capstone course/Journal Club
  - Review necessary coursework to fulfill program requirements
  - Submission of an external fellowship (NIH F31 for US citizen/permanent residents).
  - Participation in annual symposium with IUSM
  - Participation in industry site visits and social activities
  - Completion of Responsible Conduct in Research Training
• One T32 trainee per preceptor lab may be funded (but there are no limits to the number of nominations).

Evaluation
A committee of T32 trainers will evaluate nominations and interview a pool of finalists. Fellowships will be announced as soon as possible following the interviews.

Factors that will favorably influence the review
• High potential of the trainee to become a leading infectious disease expert with complementary expertise in drug discovery.
• Strong academic performance.
• Involvement of the trainer and their trainees in infectious disease and drug discovery training and mentoring activities as demonstrated by engagement in related seminars, symposiums, outreach activities, diversity and inclusion recruitment and retention, or other activities that enhance the research training environment at Purdue.
• Sustainable extramural support for trainee research activities (ideally from NIH).

Instructions
Applications must include the following items:
1) A signed cover letter from the student indicating their intention to participate in the I3D training program and remain involved until completion of their Ph.D. It should acknowledge that they will relay all published work that evolves from their graduate work to the T32 director and acknowledge support from the T32 in these publications. They must also pledge to remain in contact with the program as their professional career develops so the program can track their progress.
2) Undergraduate and current graduate academic transcripts (legible photocopies are acceptable)
3) Current Individual Development Plan (IDP)
4) FROM THE STUDENT:
   - a written (~1 page) statement outlining current and future research and career goals.
   - NIH style biosketch; be sure this lists all prior authorships on published abstracts and
papers (oral or written). See
5) FROM THE FACULTY MENTOR: evaluation of the nominee accomplishments and potential (2 pages maximum).

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