

Graduate Partnerships Program

Background

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP) is designed to attract Ph.D. students to the NIH Intramural Research Program (IRP) for dissertation research. The goal is to create a different kind of graduate experience that focuses on training the next generation of scientific leaders by emphasizing communication and collaboration skills, integration of information, and interdisciplinary investigation.

The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS), through its Division of Preclinical Innovation (DPI), participates in both the institutional and individual GPPs. NCATS works to catalyze the generation of innovative methods and technologies that will enhance the development, testing and implementation of diagnostics and therapeutics across a wide range of human diseases and conditions. The Center studies translation as a scientific and operational problem.

There are many NIH-university partnerships available to U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents or international graduate students.



Eligibility

Individual Partnership

<https://training.nih.gov/programs/gpp/IndividualPartnership>

Currently enrolled Ph.D. graduate students create an agreement between the NIH and their Ph.D. graduate program.

- There is no registration deadline or fee.
- Standardized examination scores are not required for admission consideration.
- The NIH investigator who will serve as the dissertation research mentor determines admission into the GPP.

Institutional Partnerships

<https://training.nih.gov/programs/gpp/InstitutionalPartnerships>

- For Ph.D. graduate students who already are enrolled at a university that has an Institutional Partnership with NIH but who have not yet applied for the GPP:
 - The application form is open all year with no deadline.
 - No recommendation letters are needed.
- Students wishing to apply simultaneously for the GPP and entrance to a Ph.D. program at a university that has an Institutional Partnership with the NIH must apply separately for the GPP and university admission.
 - GPP applications for Fall 2023 admission must be submitted by **Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022**, at 11:59 p.m. EST.
 - The university application deadline may differ from the GPP application deadline.

To discuss NCATS-specific opportunities, contact Marcus G. Hodges, Ph.D., Director, Intramural Training and Education, NCATS DPI, at marcus.hodges@nih.gov or 301-480-8327. For more information, visit <https://ncats.nih.gov/training-education/training/NCATS-opportunities>.