Q: What are some expected outcomes of fellows?

A: The CTRI fellowship should serve to enhance fellows’ clinical research skills and better prepare them for a career development or an independent research award. Additionally, fellows would develop new skills by completing courses through the CREST/MAS programs to obtain didactic training in clinical research.

Q: Do I need to have a current post-doc or fellow position?

A: No, but you do need to eligible for a post-doc position.

Q: Are non-UC San Diego postdocs eligible to apply?

A: Yes, non-UC San Diego postdocs may apply, under the following circumstances:
- Their primary mentor in the application is a UC San Diego faculty member
- They are currently at one of the UC San Diego CTRI partner institutes: San Diego State University, La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology, Salk Institute, J. Craig Venter Institute, or Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute
- They are willing and able to transfer their appointment to UC San Diego if awarded. We are not able to transfer funding to other institutions.

Q: Are there limits to how long I can be funded as a post-doc?

A: Yes, you can be funded by NIH as a post-doc for up to three years. Appointment to this fellowship would count within these limits. If you have questions or concerns about any prior appointments, and whether they were NIH-funded, please contact ctri-education@ucsd.edu.

Q: Do I need to be a citizen to receive the fellowship?

A: As our funding source is NIH, we are required to adhere to their eligibility requirements. To apply, you must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. You may apply as a non-permanent resident, but you must be a permanent resident by time of award.
Q: What is the funding amount?

A: This award funds stipends for fellows, consistent with pre-set NIH stipend levels. The table below enumerates stipend amounts, based on years of postdoctoral experience upon initiation of award. Fellows who continue their fellowship for a second year will be eligible for an appropriate increase in stipend funding.

Please note that fellows’ home departments are responsible for supplementing stipends, using non-federal funding, to address any department-specific pay requirements.

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Q: If I am awarded, may I defer my award to a later date?

A: Awards are expected to begin January 2016. You may defer your appointment until as late as March 31, 2016. For any later date, you will need to apply during the next notice of award.

Q: How will applications be reviewed?

A: Reviews of applications will consider all items described in the application instructions: candidate background, career goals, research, training and mentoring plan, support of mentor(s) as demonstrated in support letters and mentor biosketch, and candidate’s background as demonstrated in candidate biosketch. Candidates’ plans for enhancing their research experience will be very important in the review. Please discuss how your proposed research fits into your overall career goals.
Q: What information should be included in the “Mentor’s Support Letter”? 

A: Your mentor’s letter should include a description of his/her plans to support your career development, as well as information regarding specific resources, such as laboratory space, available to you. Letter should discuss proposed frequency of meetings.

Q: What if I have multiple mentors, with different mentoring plans? 

A: You may include more than one mentor’s support letter in the “Mentor’s Support Letters” section. Please be sure to include your primary mentor’s letter first in this section.

Q: I have other questions. 

A: Please consult the funding announcement, or email ctri-education@ucsd.edu