

Predoctoral Training Positions

Submit Nominations by January 29, 2026

Predoctoral trainee positions with the Tissue Engineering and Regeneration Training Grant (TEAM) are available for budget year 50 (July 2026 – June 2027). Trainees may begin funding on July 1st.

Eligibility for Predoc position:

- The student **must be** working towards a PhD or dual DDS/PhD
- They may not have a prior doctoral degree (PhD, DDS, MD).
- The **applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.**
- Trainees are required to participate in the Core Training Requirements while funded through the T32 grant and submit an individual NRSA ([F-award](#)) application to NIH.

Funding: The Grant covers NRSA allowable tuition, Stipend, Health and Dental Benefits, and \$800 towards travel to support trainee research. (Travel support must occur within the Yr 50 budget period, estimated to be 7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027). The time limit for trainees on the TEAM grant is 2 years for Predocs, 2 years for postdocs, and 5 years for dual-degree programs (see [Kirschstein-NRSA Limitations](#) for more details). Trainees' progress and achievement will be evaluated each year for consideration of continued funding. All mentors will be required to take/participate in mentor-related training.

Note: Tuition and benefit shortfalls will be the responsibility of the home Unit/program/department and Rackham; differential in stipend between UM program-level and NIH-level will be the responsibility of the mentor and cannot be taken from other Federal funds.

Nomination Procedure: Please submit the nomination packet through the **following form:**

<https://forms.gle/GwPdegiaChTKqheg6>

The Mentor and the nominated student should work together to provide the following items:

- TEAM Application Face Page
- academic record (unofficial transcript(s) from the most recent institution) of the nominee,
- the nominee's curriculum vitae
- description of the nominee's specific research with specific aims, relevance to tissue engineering, oral health, and innovation in these areas (2 page limit)
- description of career goals and how participation in TEAM will advance these goals (1 page limit)
- past funding information for nominee (UM history and any previous grant appointments)
- Three confidential letters of recommendation, including 1 from the T-32 mentor, are required and can be submitted by the mentor or reference through the [TEAM Form](#) or to mkarby@umich.edu.
- **For renominations:** just a letter from the mentor describing the trainee's research progress towards an individual NRSA award

An emphasis is placed on those performing collaborative research between two mentors in complementary research fields (e.g., biomaterials and signal transduction). The trajectory towards submitting an independent research award is also emphasized.

Nomination packets must be received through the form above no later than **January 29, 2026**. New mentors will be considered via the nomination process for trainees. The TEAM Operating Committee will then meet to complete the trainee selection. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Karby at mkarby@umich.edu.

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