

## **T32 predoc application guidelines**

NIH Grant T32AR073157, “Pre and Post-Doctoral Training in Joint Health”

Rush University Medical Center

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Please note that the application includes key items needed in an individual F31 application, albeit in an abbreviated form. Please reach out to the T32 leadership ahead of time to learn more about when open slots are expected and plan to work closely with the proposed sponsor(s) on the required elements of the application.

Application materials (single pdf – to be submitted to Rick\_Sumner@rush.edu)

- Cover letter from proposed mentor(s), including proposed start date – 1 page
- Candidate’s NIH Biosketch (5 page limit, encouraged to use the new sciencv online format to generate the biosketch)
  - In the personal statement, please include a description of the candidate’s preparedness, training goals and career objectives and why the candidate-sponsor(s) pairing is advantageous.
  - Other sections of the Biosketch should be used to outline research experience and coursework as required in F31 applications.
- Five-page document with these sections
  - Specific Aims (≤ 1 page): Summary of the research project, its goals, and impact.
  - Research Strategy (~3 pages): Details the significance, innovation, and approach of the proposed research.
  - Training Activities and Timeline (~0.5 page): Defines the skills to be learned and a timeline for training, including courses, research, submission of abstracts and manuscripts and submission of an independent award such as an F31.
  - Sponsor(s), Collaborators, and Consultants (~0.5 page): statement from the mentor(s) detailing the training environment, mentorship plan, and trainee qualifications.
  - Literature cited (not included in the 5-page limitation).
- Letters of Support/Reference: One required (in addition to the proposed sponsor)

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