



## Short-Term Predoctoral Trainee Application

### NIH-Sponsored Musculoskeletal Research Training Grant at Mayo Clinic

Funding is available for two short-term predoctoral trainees on the Musculoskeletal Research Training Grant. These positions provide intense full-time research training experiences on clinical or basic research projects to medical students, dental students, students in other allied-health professional programs or graduate students in the physical and quantitative sciences during the summer or other “off-quarter” period. Stipend support is offered for 8-12 continuous weeks per NIH guidelines.

Click [here](#) for more information.

The following eligibility rules and expectations apply:

1. Trainees must be USA citizens or hold a permanent visa (green card).
2. Trainees must be medical students, dental students, students in other allied-health professional programs or graduate students in the physical and quantitative sciences that are in good academic standing.
3. Ideal candidates will have an interest in musculoskeletal, orthopedic, or basic research careers and must identify a mentor from the Musculoskeletal Research Faculty (see attached list)
4. The trainee must complete a project proposal by the end of their first week in the laboratory.
5. The trainee agrees to regularly attend the Musculoskeletal Research Conferences, Mondays, 12-1 pm and to present a yearly progress report at this forum.
6. The trainee must agree to regularly attend and present at an appropriate journal club approved by the director and the program’s grant writing workshop.
7. Trainees must complete a progress report and meet with the Training Grant director, Dr. Westendorf, at the end of the research term.

Applications must be submitted by the trainee and should consist of the following:

1. Copy of transcripts of undergraduate and graduate courses
2. Scores for the MCAT and/or general and advanced GRE examinations
3. A brief statement (up to 1,000 characters) of previous research experience and a plan for research as a Trainee
4. List of previous publications, if any
5. Three letters of reference, including one from current mentor

Trainees will be supported for 8-12 weeks. The application packet should be delivered to Jennifer Westendorf, Ph.D. at Med Sci 3-69 (Email: [Westendorf.jennifer@mayo.edu](mailto:Westendorf.jennifer@mayo.edu)). The Musculoskeletal Research Training Grant Steering Committee will review the applications.



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NAME (First, MI, Last):

T32 Project Title (80 characters or less):

Postdoc Advisor:

Postdoc Mentoring Committee Members:

Mayo Email:

Non-Mayo Email:

Cell phone/text number:

eRA Commons number (if available):

Name(s) of Predoctoral and Current Advisor(s):

Title of Thesis:

Expected date of graduation (if in progress):

Citizenship:

EDUCATION / TRAINING:

Institution/Location	Dates Attended	Degree	Dates Conferred (Month/Year)	Field of Study

MCAT Score (Send score details also):

Undergraduate GPA:

Medical School GPA:

Prior Predoctoral Support:

Have you received predoctoral support from an institutional NIH training grant?

(Check one box)  Yes  No

If Yes, indicate below the dates of support, the title of the grant or grant number.



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**T32 Project Title** (80 characters or less):

**Predoctoral Research Description**

Provide brief descriptions of your clinical and research interests. Please limit your description to 1000 characters (spaces count towards the character limit).

**Previous Research Experience:**

Provide a description of your past research projects (e.g. undergraduate research). Please limit your description to 2000 characters (spaces count towards the character limit).



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Application Checklist**

**A complete application consists of this completed form and the following documents:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of transcripts of undergraduate and graduate courses
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scores for the MCAT or general and advanced GRE examinations
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Statement of career goals and clinical/research interests. This statement must highlight the musculoskeletal relevance of your research.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ List of previous publications, if any
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Three letters of recommendation. The letters can either be submitted by email or in a sealed envelope that is submitted with the rest of your application. (Please provide names if referees and their email addresses):
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Combine all documents except letters into one PDF. Failure to do so will delay the procession of your application. Emails with individual documents will be returned to you.

\* Applications can be sent to: **Dr. Jennifer J. Westendorf**  
Mayo Clinic  
Med Sci 3-69  
200 First Street SW  
Rochester, MN 55905  
Phone: (507)538-5651  
E-mail: [westendorf.jennifer@mayo.edu](mailto:westendorf.jennifer@mayo.edu)

**How did you hear about this program?**



## Equal Opportunity

Mayo Clinic is an equal opportunity educator and employer. We are committed to developing a diverse environment in research, education, and clinical practice. The information requested is confidential and will not be used to identify any specific individual. You may elect to indicate your self-description by checking the appropriate boxes below.

### 1. What is your ethnicity? Select **Hispanic/Latino** or **Non-Hispanic/Latino**.

- Hispanic or Latino       Non-Hispanic

If you selected Hispanic or Latino, select one or more of the following:

- Cuban  
 Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano/Chicana  
 Puerto Rican  
 South American  
 Central American  
 Other Hispanic/Latino (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. What is your race? Select one or more races from the following five major racial groups.

(An individual whose ethnicity is Hispanic can also be White as defined in this questionnaire.)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native**  
(A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment. Specify tribe/community \_\_\_\_\_)
- Asian** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent.) Select one or more of the following:
- |                                     |                                   |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian  | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese  | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese   | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean   | <input type="checkbox"/> Malaysian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani  | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Thai      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese |                                   |                                    |
- American Hawaiian or Pacific Islander** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii or the Pacific Islands.) Select one or more:
- Hawaiian  
 Guamanian  
 Samoan  
 Other Pacific Islander (*please specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- Black/African American** (A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Inclusive of "Haitians" and groups of Afro-Caribbean descent.)
- White** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.)

### OPTIONAL – Which gender do you identify as?

- Male       Female

### OPTIONAL - Are you from a financially disadvantaged background?

- Yes       No

### OPTIONAL – Were you the first in your family to attend college?

- Yes       No

### OPTIONAL – Do you have any physical disabilities?

- Yes       No