



Eligibility/Application Process

Residents are encouraged to express their interest in the research track as early as possible in the residency application process, but access is not limited after matriculation. Given the longitudinal nature of research and the scheduling limitations of residency, research track participants will benefit from acceptance into the program early in training. Prospective residents are encouraged to meet with prospective mentors and current research track residents during their residency interviews. Residents frequently carry Ph.D.s from prior training, although the research track is open to all residents with an interest in mental health research.

Financial Support

Tuition for the courses through the Center for Translational Medicine are covered for research track residents accepted into the certificate program (see below). In addition, funds for other expenses including lab supplies, statistical software, books, conference travel or participant stipends may be available under the institutional R25.

Didactic Support

In addition to regular weekly didactic curriculum as part of the general residency program, research track residents benefit from additional didactics to enhance their future as physician scientists. In particular, residents are encouraged to complete a graduate certificate or masters in clinical science through the UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. This coursework is encouraged to start at the beginning of PGY-2 year and continues throughout the remainder of residency. Residents also will complete a series of online training modules including content through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) (www.citiprogram.org).

Graduate Certificate in Clinical Sciences

Through the UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences under the Center for Translational Medicine, research track residents are encouraged to obtain a graduate certificate in clinical science. During protected research time in PGY 2-4, residents will take 14 credit hours of core courses (including Ethics and Responsible Conduct of Research) and 4 credit hours of elective courses.

Residents must apply to the School of Biomedical Sciences with a preferred application date in spring of the first year so that residents can begin taking classes in the following summer semester. More information about this program can be found on their [website](#).

Protected Time

Flexibility is certainly allowed and is in fact essential to ensure residents fulfill all of the requirements for general residency as well as the research track. Early planning is recommended to ensure that residents can easily accommodate all requirements. Research track residents will benefit from protected time throughout their residency starting with 10 percent in their PGY-1 year, followed by 50 percent time during the remainder of training

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