



## **CCTSI NUTRITION RESEARCH DIRECTOR**

### **The Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI) has an opening for a part-time, Nutrition Research Director position**

The University of Colorado (CU) Anschutz Medical Campus is a public education, clinical and research facility serving 4,500 students, and a world-class medical destination at the forefront of life-changing science, medicine, and healthcare. CU Anschutz offers more than 42 highly rated degree programs through 6 schools and colleges, and receives over \$500 million in research awards each year. We are the single largest health professions education provider in Colorado, awarding nearly 1,450 degrees annually. Powered by our award-winning faculty, renowned researchers and a reputation for academic excellence, the CU Anschutz Medical Campus drives innovation from the classroom to the laboratory to the delivery of unparalleled patient care.

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#### **Supervision Received:**

- The CCTSI Nutrition Core is a program of the CCTSI. The Nutrition Research Director receives oversight from CCTSI Element D1 Leaders (currently, Drs. Higgins and Messacar).

#### **Supervision Exercised:**

- Direct supervision of the CCTSI Nutrition Core Manager. CCTSI Nutrition Core staff report to the CCTSI Nutrition Core Manager

#### **Position Emphasis:**

The CCTSI operates CTRCs at University of Colorado Hospital, CU Anschutz, Children's Hospital Colorado, National Jewish Health and the University of Colorado at Boulder. CTRCs provide infrastructure (dedicated research space, skilled research nursing, nutrition and other expertise, and specialized equipment) to support clinical research protocols and are disease agnostic to support a wide range of investigations, disciplines, and disease origins. The position of CCTSI Nutrition Research Director reviews protocols and research for feasibility, provides grant language and study design expertise to Core users, oversees the Nutrition Core staff and budget, is responsible for continuous process improvement to ensure Core efficiency and customer service, and collaborates with other CTRC Cores to ensure operational efficiency and user satisfaction within the CTRC. CCTSI Nutrition Core worksites include the Anschutz Health Sciences building, the Anschutz Health and Wellness Center (metabolic kitchen), UCH, and CHCO. The Nutrition Core is currently a 3.0FTE team that operates 5 days per week in-person at CU Anschutz, 8am-5pm.

For additional details on the program, please review the program's webpage:

<https://cctsi.cuanschutz.edu/resources/ctrc/services/nutrition>

#### **Examples of work performed:**

- Provide Nutrition expertise and language for new grant and protocol applications that will involve the CCTSI Nutrition Core, and construct budgets, as needed.
- Provide assistance and study design expertise for developing new protocols, and current nutrition methodological and best practice advice to CTRC Nutrition Core investigators and Nutrition Core staff.
- Feasibility review and approval for CTRC industry-funded studies according to rapid turn-around guidelines and review of investigator-initiated protocols according to CU Anschutz timelines (all protocols must also go through UCH/CU Medicine/CHCO/CU Anschutz review processes)
- CCTSI Nutrition Core staff supervision

- Responsibility for the CCTSI Nutrition Core budget and cost center
- Maintenance of CCTSI Nutrition Core workflows and SOPs
- Prioritization of work for the CCTSI Nutrition Core
- Staff training and development
- Provide insight into and oversight of food safety and handling rules to ensure compliance with State and county policies
- Run a cost-efficient metabolic kitchen
- Continuous process improvement to ensure Core efficiency and customer service, independently or as part of the larger CTRC work unit to facilitate integration across CTRC Cores and locations
- Facilitate Nutrition Core weekly meeting
- Oversight of the CCTSI Nutrition Core portion of the CHCO Dietetic internship research rotation
- Review and approval of new CTRC policies and procedures that involve the CCTSI Nutrition Core
- Drafting and reviewing CTRC policies, as needed
- Act as a liaison between principal investigators and CCTSI Nutrition Core staff, including conflict resolution and mitigation, as necessary
- Preparation of Core data for reports and RPPRs.
- Demonstrate a collegial, collaborative interpersonal style and the ability to implement approaches that foster consensus and engagement across diverse constituencies
- Maintain strong relationships with key stakeholders and partners in external collaborative efforts (UCH, CHCO, etc)
- Must be able to dedicate 15% effort to the role of CCTSI Nutrition Research Director
- Must be able to comply with the 3-day on-campus University policy

### **Minimum qualifications:**

#### *Educational Requirements*

- A terminal degree (PhD, MD, DO, etc.)
- Early and Mid-career professional (Assistant or Associate Professor) or beyond
- Experience conducting clinical nutrition research.
- Experience writing and/or reviewing clinical nutrition research protocols.
- Must be eligible to be onboarded at all Nutrition Core work locations (CU, UCH, and CHCO)
- Be available at CU Anschutz at least three in person days/week.

#### *Professional Work Experience*

- 4+ years hands-on clinical research experience
- Familiarity with conducting research at the UCH/CHCO/CU Anschutz CTRC is preferable
- Experience with best practices in clinical research
- Demonstrated leadership, managerial, and communication skills, including mentoring others

### **Salary and Benefits:**

Salary support is provided through funding of 15% committed effort at the individual's current salary level and benefit rate for the primary faculty appointment and is limited to the current NIH salary cap.

Specific to CU/AMC. The expected committed effort represents the University's good faith and reasonable estimate of the range of possible compensation at the time of posting. Your total compensation goes beyond the number on your paycheck. The University of Colorado provides generous leave, health plans and retirement contributions that add to your bottom line.

Benefits: <https://www.cu.edu/employee-services/benefits>.

Total Compensation Calculator: <http://www.cu.edu/node/153125>

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respect, communication and understanding. We encourage applications from women, ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities and all veterans. The University of Colorado is committed to diversity and equality in education and employment.

The University of Anschutz Medical Campus is dedicated to ensuring a safe and secure environment for our faculty, staff, students and visitors. To assist in achieving that goal, we conduct background investigations for all prospective employees.

**Application Materials Instructions:**

**Application Deadline: 12/15/25**

Application materials should be emailed to Tim Lockie ([tim.lockie@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:tim.lockie@cuanschutz.edu)) by 12/15/25. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

**Special Instructions to Applicants:**

**Required Application Materials:** If you are interested in this position, please submit your CV and a cover letter to [tim.lockie@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:tim.lockie@cuanschutz.edu) by application deadline. In addition, please address the following in your cover letter:

1. What makes you qualified for this nutrition leadership position?
2. Why are you interested in this specific role?
3. What unique skills or perspective will you bring to this role?

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

Janine Higgins, PhD, CCTSI multi-PI and Director of Operations ([Janine.higgins@childrenscolorado.org](mailto:Janine.higgins@childrenscolorado.org))