



Request for Applications

1. Overview

The Clinical Faculty Scholars Program (CFSP) is a two-year intensive mentored junior faculty development program designed to develop research-oriented faculty into independent investigators in patient-oriented clinical translational outcomes research. CFSP is affiliated with the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute.

2. Key Dates

Applications are due by March 21, 2025.
Notification of decisions will occur by April 15, 2025.
Faculty Scholars are expected to begin on July 1, 2025.

3. Program Description

Since 2004, the Clinical Faculty Scholars Program has provided intensive multidisciplinary mentoring and structured training for early-career clinical faculty from multiple disciplines who are conducting patient-oriented clinical and outcomes research.

Our goal is to help emerging investigators obtain a career development award (K08, K23 or foundation equivalent), or a first independent, extramural project award (R21, R01 or equivalent) through weekly mentored works-in-progress sessions, guided project development, educational seminars, and grant writing classes. Each Faculty Scholar will receive regular individual mentorship from our experienced senior researchers in clinical epidemiology, health services research, biostatistics, qualitative methods, and implementation science.

This year, CFSP will enroll 4-6 junior faculty members this year from clinical departments at the University of Colorado and affiliated institutions (i.e., Denver VA, Denver Health, National Jewish, Kaiser Permanente). Physicians, other clinicians, and doctorly trained researchers in disciplines relevant to clinical-translational research may apply. We welcome specialists and generalist clinicians.

4. Eligibility Information

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a CCTSI member (apply for free at cctsi.cuanschutz.edu).
- Be a current/prospective member of regular/affiliated faculty at the University of Colorado (current or expected to be Assistant or Associate Professor).
- Have completed training as a physician (MD or DO), DDS, DMD, PharmD, APP, or doctorly trained non-physician (PhD or equivalent).

- Have completed rigorous research training during fellowship (physicians), doctoral program (PhD, etc.), or postdoctoral training (PhDs). An advanced degree (master's or doctorate) with substantial prior training in epidemiology, biostatistics, and research design is preferred for clinician applicants.
- Must not have any current or prior funding as a principal investigator at the R01 level or equivalent. Individuals with a current career development award (K-award or equivalent) are eligible.
- Demonstrate a commitment to a career as a clinical researcher signified by evidence of prior or current accomplishments and commitments (training, publications, small grants). A desire for a longitudinal research plan to obtain a career development grant or eventual independent funding at the R01 level (for applicants with an existing career development award) is essential.
- Obtain a sponsorship letter from the applicant's home department/division that commits to: 1) department/division commitment of at least 50% protected time for research during the 2 years of enrollment in the CFSP with salary support for that protected time; and 2) department/division guarantee to fund the program fees of \$25,000 per participant per year for two years.
- Attend in person Tuesday work in progress and Special Topics training sessions (7:30am - 9am weekly; 9 - 11am 4th Tuesdays), with the exception of clinical service or travel.
- Have mentorship needs that are not fully addressed within the faculty member's home department or division, or new to campus and in need of establishing a new local mentorship team.

5. Application and Submission Information

To apply, please go to the CFSP webpage (<https://cctsi.cuanschutz.edu/training/cfsp>) and click on gold button near middle of page "CFSP Call for Applicants." Please have the application documents and letters of support ready prior to accessing the online application; you will not be able to save and go back once you have uploaded and submitted your application PDFs.

All documents should be formatted using:

- A header with the applicant's last name on each page
- Consecutive page numbers
- Times New Roman 12-pt or Arial 11-pt font
- 1-inch margins

Required Application Documents: Please compile the following documents into a single PDF document in this order:

1. Statement of research goals and general plan for external funding including preliminary data or papers (1-2 pages)
2. Statement of career development plan and mentorship needs and gaps (1-2 pages)
3. Current curriculum vitae
4. Copies of one recent, first-authored publication or manuscript that illustrates the applicant's expertise or interests

Required Letters of Support: Please compile the following documents into a single PDF document:

1. Sponsor Letter from Department Chair/Division Chief/Section Head:

- a. Addressing how the Department/Division/Section will support an applicant's research and career plans
 - b. Guaranteeing departmental/divisional program fees of \$25,000/year
 - c. Assuring 50% protected time commitment during CFSP participation
2. One letter of support from someone who knows the applicant well, such as a scientific or career mentor, who can attest to the applicant's commitment to building a research career.

6. Application Review Information

Typical successful applicants:

- Want to build a career in clinical or outcomes research
- Possess advanced research training needed to pursue independent research funding
- Need help developing a local mentoring plan, including career and topical mentors

7. Key Contacts

Inquiries, questions, and discussion of candidacy or the program are always available (cfsp@cuanschutz.edu). We often participate in recruitment interviews for likely participants. Alumni contact information is posted on our webpage.

CFSP Director: James Feinstein, MD, MPH, James.Feinstein@cuanschutz.edu

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