



ROBERT A. WINN DIVERSITY IN CLINICAL TRIALS: CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Overview: Part of the Robert A. Winn Diversity in Clinical Trials Award Program, the **Robert A. Winn Diversity in Clinical Trials: Career Development Award (Winn CDA)** is a 2-year program designed to support the career development of early-stage investigator physicians (as defined by NIH) who are underrepresented in medicine (URM) or who have a demonstrated commitment to increasing diversity in clinical research. The program prepares participants to become independent clinical trial investigators engaged in advancing health equity through their research and mentoring.

Description: The Winn CDA offers a comprehensive and integrated approach to increasing diversity in clinical trials through workforce development and clinical trial site development in underserved communities where underrepresented patients receive care. Additionally, the program will assist program investigators in building capacity of clinical trials sites in communities with diverse and heavily burdened patient populations.

Objectives: (1) To transform the clinical research landscape by providing training and resources to build a network of new clinical investigators with both community engagement and research skills. (2) To enhance the capacity of clinical trial sites that serve communities with diverse patient populations.

Key Program Elements

Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train and develop 308 new clinical investigators dedicated to increasing diversity in clinical trials • Provide immersive community-based experiences in clinical trial research to 308 medical students from groups underrepresented in medicine.
Award	<p>\$120K/year for 2 years; require at least 40% of Scholar's time (Note: Awards will be made to organizations, not to individuals.)</p> <p>Guidance for the award: It is expected that the award will cover a percentage of the Scholar's salary to garner 40% of their time. Additionally, funds can be used toward a portion of a research assistant/coordinator salary.</p>
Mentoring	<p>Scholar will be mentored by an experienced clinical investigator at an established clinical trial site, and will substantively participate in the mentor's active clinical trial (it is not expected that the Scholar will have their own clinical trial). Note: Research projects must meet the NIH Clinical Trial Definition.</p>
Training	<p>Scholar will be trained in investigator-initiated and industry-sponsored clinical trials, as well as community engagement processes and methods.</p>
Robert A. Winn Clinical Investigator Pathway Program (Winn CIPP)	<p>Scholar will serve as a mentor to an URM medical student during the summer. The student will be one of 308 URM medical students participating in a 6-week summer immersion program learning the basics of clinical trials and working in underserved communities to provide outreach, education and engagement on clinical trials. The 2023 Winn CIPP cohorts will run from June 5 - July 14 and June 19 - July 28</p>
Clinical research focus areas	<p>Oncology, Hematology-Oncology, Cardiovascular Disease, and Immunologic Disorders</p>
Site diversity	<p>Scholars may be practicing at urban centers / known clinical trial sites, and rural and/or trial naïve sites.</p>
Annual Convening	<p>An annual event will bring key stakeholder groups together to inspire, educate, amplify and celebrate. Scholars will present their investigator-initiated clinical trial protocols in their second program year.</p>

Candidate Eligibility Criteria

Candidate Profile	<p>In determining eligible candidates for the Winn CDA program, the following racial/ethnic groups are designated as “underrepresented in medicine”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African American or Black • Hispanic or Latine • American Indian or Alaska Native • Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander • Southeast Asian (please specify) <p>OR have a demonstrated commitment to increasing diverse patient participation in clinical trials</p>
Citizenship or Immigration Status	Eligible candidates will be US Citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) as defined by the US Department of Homeland Security . O-1 & H-1B Visa holders are eligible; the visa must be valid during the full program period.
Professional Degree	Eligible candidates will hold the degree of MD, MD/PhD, DO or DO/PhD
Career Phase	Eligible candidates will be Early Stage Investigators (ESIs) , defined by NIH as new investigators who have completed their terminal research degrees or medical residencies—whichever date is later—within the past 10 years and have not yet competed successfully for a substantial, competing NIH research grant. (Applicants with RO1 or RO1 equivalent are ineligible.)

Targeted Key Dates

Application Opens	Jan 3, 2023
Application Closes	May 12, 2023
Selection Process:	May 15-Aug 1, 2023
Scholar Award Notification	Aug 2, 2023
Third Cohort Begins:	Oct 2023

Notes: Dates are subject to change.

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