

**APPLICATION FOR 2025-2026 POSTDOCTORAL NIEHS FELLOWSHIP
INTERDISCIPLINARY TRAINING PROGRAM IN TOXICOLOGY
AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF TRAINEES

Persons with a Ph.D., D.V.M., or M.D. and sponsored by FACULTY PRECEPTORS with Interdisciplinary Training Program in Toxicology and Environmental Health are eligible to apply. Applicants must also be a Citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Fellowship appointments are for 12 months and consist of a stipend, which is dependent on years of postdoctoral experience as outlined in the most recent program announcement from NIEHS, and a travel allowance of \$600. A second year of funding may be possible contingent on adequate progress in the program and available funding.

The applications are accepted throughout the year and will be evaluated when positions become available. Preference will be given to applicants whose **career and research interests** are in Reproductive Toxicology, Endocrine Toxicology, Neurotoxicology, Nutritional Toxicology, and Nanotoxicology. Each application must include all items listed under number 3 below. **Incomplete application packages cannot be considered.**

1. Applications must be complete and must be received by the Program Coordinator, Synthia Lane, via an email sent to sjlane@illinois.edu, by 5:00 pm on Monday, May 19th, 2025. Please read the directions carefully and submit your materials in their entirety by 5 pm on May 19th, 2025.
2. Applications must be accompanied by a letter from a University of Illinois Faculty member who is a current Preceptor on the Training Grant in Reproductive Toxicology, Endocrine Toxicology, Neurotoxicology, Nutritional Toxicology, or Nanotoxicology. This letter should state that the faculty member sponsors the applicant for the fellowship and permits the applicant to perform the proposed research under their direction.
3. **Each application must include all of the following:**
 - a. Curriculum vitae
 - b. An essay that describes your career goals and past experiences. Limit 2 pages single-spaced typed.
 - c. A research plan that clearly identifies the linkage to Reproductive Toxicology, Endocrine Toxicology, Neurotoxicology, Nutritional Toxicology, or Nanotoxicology. Limit this to no more than two single-spaced typed pages. The reference list is not included in the 2-page limit.
 - d. Copies of graduate transcripts
 - e. Copies of important publications
 - f. Three letters of recommendation: your primary advisor and two other professional references. Each letter should comment on intellectual ability, capacity for original thought, aptitude for research, dependability, and integrity, and your demonstrated interest in endocrine, developmental, and reproductive toxicology.
 - g. A completed Application Form (attached).

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Applicants will be evaluated on several points:

- 1) Strength of scholastic record.
- 2) Career goal statement and its linkage to Reproductive Toxicology, Endocrine Toxicology, Neurotoxicology, Nutritional Toxicology, or Nanotoxicology.
- 3) Research plan and its linkage to Reproductive Toxicology, Endocrine Toxicology, Neurotoxicology, Nutritional Toxicology, or Nanotoxicology.
- 4) Recommendation by Faculty Preceptor and two other Faculty members.
- 5) Availability of research project funding.

Completed applications should be emailed to:

Synthia Lane, Program Coordinator
Beckman Institute
University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign
sjlane@illinois.edu
217-300-6465

Please note the Training Program Requirements:

- Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships are available only to citizens of the United States or permanent residents.
- All predoctoral and postdoctoral appointees will be required to submit a fellowship or grant proposal during the first year of their appointment as a trainee.
- All trainees must attend a weekly toxicology seminar series (CB596) and events, participate in Toxicology Open House events, participate in the toxicology journal club, and receive training on ethics in toxicology.
- Trainees will be required to present and discuss their research in the program and are strongly encouraged to present their research at national meetings.
- Preference will be given to postdoctoral trainees who are interested in pursuing an independent research career. Selection will be based on academic success, the relevance of proposed research to Program goals, and commitment to toxicology.
- All applications are welcome, and underrepresented trainees are especially encouraged to apply.

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(To be completed by the applicant in consultation with the Sponsoring Faculty Member)

(Please type or print in black ink.)

1. Complete Legal Name:

2. University Identification Number (UIN)

3. Campus Address and e-mail Address:

4. Telephone Numbers:

Landline:

Office/work number:

Cell phone:

5. Your Sponsoring Faculty Member (Training Grant Preceptor):

6. List Scholarships, Prizes, Honors, or other recognition:

7. List the names, titles, institutions, and addresses of two persons who will submit letters of reference on your behalf (not including your faculty sponsor).

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Past Education:

School/University	Degrees	(Major/s & Minors)	Dates (to/from)	GPA