The overarching goal of this NIDDK-funded T32 training program is to foster and facilitate innovative research focused on a diverse range of issues in chronic kidney disease (CKD), so as to advance interdisciplinary collaboration across the T1–T4 spectrum of translational medicine through rigorous cross-training in the different concepts and methods of basic, clinical, and population- and laboratory-based approaches to CKD, including assessment of health care system impact through health services research and policy analysis. Over the last several decades, major advances have occurred in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of kidney diseases in childhood, altogether resulting in the increased life span of such patients. This success, however, has brought new health status challenges, such as cardiovascular disease (the leading cause of death), muscle-skeletal problems, growth retardation, infections, and allograft loss, among others, all of which are optimally addressed from a developmental perspective. In response to these challenges, the interdisciplinary curriculum and mentored, hands-on research training of this T32 program encompass the biomedical and clinical sciences, including comparative effectiveness and patient-centered outcomes research, interweaving the scientific expertise and mentoring experience of a high-quality multidisciplinary faculty who are committed to collaborative, team-based science.

For a consecutive 2- or, if needed, 3-year appointment period, the training program is open to any UCLA postdoctoral scholar [1] with one or more doctoral degrees (including MD, PhD, MD/PhD, and DrPH); [2] who has documented a commitment to an academic career in biomedical, clinical, and/or translational research in pediatric nephrology; and [3] who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Postdoctoral trainees are required to complete their academic and research activities with oversight from a multidisciplinary, 3-member team of research and career development faculty mentors (Scholarship Oversight Committee) and the training grant executive steering committee.

Candidates from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, those with disabilities, and/or individuals from economically or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

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