The trainee’s dissertation committee will comprise at least four members, including a faculty translational researcher jointly appointed in the Department of Health Policy and Management in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health (the Ph.D.-granting department) and the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, a community mentor, and a social scientist from the student’s cognate.

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from science to knowledge to practice
about UCLA CTSI

UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute is an academic-clinical partnership of UCLA, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles Biomedical Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science. Its mission is to translate scientific discoveries into health interventions that improve the well-being of Los Angeles residents. To achieve this mission, UCLA CTSI supports pilot studies, trains young researchers, and engages schools and communities in health improvement. It belongs to a national, National Institutes of Health-supported network of 60 CTSIs.

about translational research

Translational research is focused on “translating” basic scientific discoveries into health interventions, and then moving those interventions into clinical practice to improve patient care and population health. Translational research aims to accelerate the pace of discovery, speed the application of new knowledge to novel prevention strategies, diagnostics and treatments, and transfer these innovations to healthcare providers and the public. Health services research, including policy evaluations, is an integral part of the translational science, as its goal is to ensure that these new treatments and therapies are appropriately disseminated and adopted by providers and patients in the community.

Discovery to Health Application

Health Application to Evidence-based Guideline

Guideline to Health Practice

Health Practice to Population Impact

our goal

The goal is to provide pre-doctoral trainees with an understanding of both investigative skills required to create new knowledge about health services and the theory and methods of community-partnered research.

about the program

The TL1 Translational Science Fellowship for pre-doctoral trainees supports Ph.D. candidates in the Department of Health Policy and Management in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. Fellows receive mentored training to ensure the translational nature of their dissertation projects. Trainees will have the opportunity to concentrate in the development and evaluation of community-based interventions, health economics, social determinants of health, comparative effectiveness methods, or measurement of health outcomes.

Pre-doctoral TL1 Translational Science Fellows receive an annual stipend based on the current Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award levels, as well as funding for health insurance, tuition/fees, and training related travel. The fellowships are renewable for up to four years in 12-month increments, contingent on satisfactory degree progress.

what trainees do

Students will engage in the following activities:

• Didactic coursework in research methodology, outcomes research, and methods of community-partnered research.
• Practical experience in development of public policy relevant to health and health care.
• Participation in original community-partnered translational research, culminating in a dissertation.