

Division of Preclinical Innovation Outreach to Outstanding Research Scholars Event

What NCATS invites applications from highly talented late-stage doctoral students and early-stage postdoctoral fellows to participate in our DOORS Event in spring 2026. During this two-day visit to NCATS, attendees will learn about cutting-edge advances in translational science, training opportunities and careers in translational science. Selected participants will receive a sponsored trip* to NCATS, where they will present their research, tour our state-of-the-art facilities and engage with the center's translational science researchers and trainees.

*pending Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations for this activity

Who Late-stage doctoral students and early-stage postdoctoral fellows who have research interests that align with the translational science field.

When The two-day event will take place on a Thursday and Friday in spring 2026.

Where NCATS Division of Preclinical Innovation
9800 Medical Center Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850

How The application portal will be open until Jan. 23, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. EDT. Applicants will be notified in early 2026 as to whether they have been selected to participate.

Required materials will include a biosketch, a letter of support and a statement of interest (exact prompts will be listed in the application portal).

The application portal can be found on the [Training Opportunities at NCATS](#) webpage.

Eligibility

Required materials—

- Applicants must be within the final two years of their graduate research program or have received their Ph.D. no more than two years prior to the date of the event.
- International students and postdoctoral fellows who are in the United States on a visa are eligible to apply only if they will reside in the United States during the scheduled event.
 - Individuals are not eligible if they are from [“Countries of Particular Concern, Special Watch List Countries, Entities of Particular Concern”](#) as set by the U.S. Department of State.

Travel Selected applicants will be invited to visit NCATS for two days. Airfare and lodging will be included, pending FY26 appropriations for this activity.

- All applicants must be in the United States at the time of the event; **only domestic travel will be covered.**
- International students and postdoctoral fellows must verify with their sponsoring institution that taking part in this event complies with all applicable immigration rules.

Contacts

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