

Call for Applications – CWRU Translational Fellows Program

The CWRU Translational Fellow Program (TFP) seeks to train individuals in entrepreneurship and the translation of innovation into commercial ventures by connecting them to programs and workshops around campus while protecting time for their entrepreneurial activities.

We are seeking applications from individuals who are employed by CWRU or its hospital partners or who are students at CWRU and are interested in a career in entrepreneurship and technology commercialization. Applications are especially encouraged from doctoral students, post-docs, and/or research staff. Applicants will commit to work through the process of developing a technology for commercialization either from their own laboratory or agree to be assigned a technology. This fellowship will run from 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022.

Benefits:

- Up to 20% salary coverage for 12 months
- Training and support for commercialization efforts
- Entrepreneurship/commercialization mentoring team

Requirements:

- Commitment to one day/week (20%) set aside for moving the technology to market
- Participation in the Case Venture Mentor Program, which will pair you with your mentoring team and set up regular meetings
- Participation in I-Corps@NCATS program with your team, including the PI of the technology
- Monthly group meetings
- Attendance at workshops throughout the program (about 3-4 times/year)
- Sharing of experiences in program on LinkedIn

Eligibility:

- Must have a salary or stipend paid through CWRU or an affiliate and/or be supported by a training grant. Ideally a senior doctoral student or post-doc at CWRU, but consideration will be given to others who have time and potential to excel in the program.
- Either currently working with a PI on a CWRU or affiliate based technology that has the potential for commercialization (preferred) or willingness to be paired with a PI
- Must be willing to commit to 20% effort for one full year, starting July 1, 2021

Selection criteria:

- Interest in entrepreneurship
- Commercialization potential of technology (if proposed)
- If you are currently working with a PI, support from that PI
- If you are currently a CWRU employee/student and requesting to work with a PI for 20% of your effort, support from current supervisor
- Applications are highly encouraged from females and underrepresented minorities

To apply:

- Statement of career interests and how this program fits in with your career path, and, if relevant, brief description of technology that the fellow proposes to work toward commercializing (1 page maximum)
- Letter of support from PI/supervisor demonstrating willingness to allow for 20% buy out of time, support of entrepreneurial activities (including participation in I-Corps if the PI) and attesting to the strength of candidate (1 page maximum)
- Form filled out and submitted along with above via [Infoready](#) by April 30, 2021
- Individuals selected for participation will be notified around May 31, 2021

Questions may be directed to Cheryl Thompson, PhD, Associate Professor and Assistant Dean of Educational Initiatives, School of Medicine, at cheryl@case.edu. We anticipate supporting 5 or more fellows in this cohort.