Eligibility, Opportunities, Expectations & Required Activities

Yearly deadlines: If date falls on a weekend, items will be due the following Monday.

**Current trainees**:

Nov 30: Research synopsis

June 10: Final trainee progress report

June 10: Exit information form

June 10: Trainee survey

**Incoming trainees:**

May 1: Training plans and CVs

Trainee eligibility:

* Trainees **must** spend at least 50% of their time on research and research training (requiring 50% protected time)
* They can be from any discipline, not just limited to vascular neurology.  This could include neurosurgeons, epidemiologists, physical or occupational therapists, basic/translational scientists, and any others who have a significant interest in a career in stroke research.
* They do not have to be a US citizen or hold a green card (visas are ok).
* They should have demonstrated interest in research.  They do not necessarily have to be planning to write a K-award grant during this year, nor do they have to plan for a heavily research-weighted career in the future, (although candidates that have such plans may be given higher priority for this training at your center).  Trainees do need to be individuals planning to stay in academia, however, and work in stroke research throughout their career, e.g. enrolling patients into trials, publishing manuscripts and working on research questions in the future.
* Applicants who are between medical school and clinical training (including foreign medical graduates) may be considered on a case-by-case basis, and must demonstrate a commitment to a career that involves stroke research. Prior experience in stroke research and a career goal statement can help substantiate this commitment.
* Selection of qualified applicants underrepresented in medicine, women, and persons with disabilities is encouraged.
* They can be enrolled in an accredited vascular neurology fellowship year (but must have at least 50% protected time, as above).
* They can be junior faculty members.
* A second trainee for an RCC (whether at the same site or at a different site) may be considered by the Education/Training Core on a case-by-case basis. There are a limited number of slots, however. If more than one trainee at an RCC is being considered, please note that each trainee must have at least 50% protected time for research/StrokeNet activities. Also, the funds available to the RCC will not be increased, so cost sharing by the trainee’s institution would be needed.
* At least $50,000 must be spent on trainee salary support. Questions about budget and use of funds should be directed to Mariam Afzal (mariam.afzal@nih.gov) at the NIH.

Trainee requirements:

1. Attend all StrokeNet grand rounds, professional development webinars, and basic science webinars;
2. Participate fully in a Learning Community group;
3. Submit a research synopsis (due Nov 30);
4. Present research at a StrokeNet webinar or meeting;
5. Complete brief surveys about the program upon completion, complete exit form, and stay in touch after the conclusion of the training year.
6. Spend at least 50% of his/her time on research and research training.

Additional elective opportunities:

* StrokeNet Education & Training Core member (Two trainees may join as members for the year)
* Working Group member (Two trainees may join each of the Working Groups (Acute, Prevention, Rehab/Recovery) for the year)
* Working Group one-time observation
* Attend monthly StrokeNet Steering Committee Meetings
* Track clinical trial enrollments – leading enroller gets special mention and a certificate!
* Attend StrokeNet clinical trial/study Executive Committee Meetings (limited slots available)

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