

# Program to Train Researchers in Rehabilitation Science Funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), in collaboration with the University of Florida (UF), has been awarded a National Institutes of Health grant titled, *Rehabilitation Research Career Development Program (RRCDC)*, for \$4.98 million to educate and train future rehabilitation scientists. The grant is funded by the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research in the National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

The RRCDC Program will recruit and train occupational and physical therapy scholars from across the nation, providing them with the skills and research experience necessary to become independent investigators and future academic and scientific leaders in their professions. Candidates for the program should be licensed occupational or physical therapists with a research doctorate and be within 3-5 years of completing a postdoctoral fellowship or equivalent experience. Applicants must have a strong commitment to the development of a scientific career. Other requirements include U.S. citizenship or permanent residency, no experience as a principal investigator on a major NIH research project, and willingness to train for two to three years at one of the consortium institutions (UTMB or UF).

Support will be provided for 12 rehabilitation research scholars over five years. Scholars will receive mentored training in the areas of research strength at UTMB and UF including:

- Neurological and cognitive rehabilitation
- Neuromuscular disease
- Assistive technology
- Respiratory physiology and rehabilitation
- Aging and geriatric rehabilitation
- Muscle biology and rehabilitation
- Functional outcomes

RRCDC Scholars will have the opportunity to collaborate with NIH supported Research Infrastructure Cores, VA Centers of Excellence, rehabilitation research centers and physical and occupational therapy departments nationwide.

More information on the RRCDC Program and the application form can be obtained from the website at <http://www.sahs.utmb.edu/k12>. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Additional information or questions should be directed to [rehab.info@utmb.edu](mailto:rehab.info@utmb.edu).

