T32 Application Process

Applications for the training grant are solicited beginning in the fall before the academic year in which there are openings. Candidates selected will receive support for tuition and stipend for up to two years, assuming good progress in their programs and the T32 grant is renewed by NIH. The candidates must have the following qualifications:

1. Enrollment in the dual degree demography program and one of the five participating programs (anthropology, HDFS, HPA, rural sociology, and sociology)
2. Interest in research and course work in social environments and population health
3. U.S. citizenship

We are targeting students who are still in the midst of course work, as there are course work requirements. In the past, trainees typically had finished a year or two in their respective programs.

Application materials should include:
1. A letter of interest from the graduate student. Students should include a brief statement describing their research interests, progress through their program, and why support would benefit their training and development
2. A letter of support from a mentor who will help guide the student’s research training in Social Environments and Population Health. It should speak to the same issues as above.

Application materials should be sent to John Iceland (email: jdi10@psu.edu). We will begin to review applications beginning on February 23, 2024, and consider them thereafter on a rolling basis. Students will be selected based on their intellectual promise, including high quantitative aptitude and previous statistics training; commitment to research in population health-related scholarship; a strong letter of support from their faculty mentor. We welcome applications from students from under-represented minority groups.