

## AIM-AHEAD & NCATS Training Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

Question	Answer
1. What qualifies as an “Early Career Investigator?”	<p>1. An Early Stage Investigator is a Program Director/Principal Investigator who has completed their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever is later, within the past 10 years and who has not previously competed successfully as a PD/PI for a substantial NIH independent research award.</p> <p>Please refer to NIH policy about ESI  <a href="https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-stage/index.htm">https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-stage/index.htm</a></p>
2. What is the time commitment of the program?	2. This is an 8-month program requiring approximately 5-8 hours per week
3. Citizenship/Permanent Resident- does permanent resident meet eligibility criteria?	3. US citizens, non-citizen nationals, and permanent residents are eligible to apply for this program.
4. I am in another AIM-AHEAD program. May I apply for this training program as well?	4. You are encouraged to apply. Please note that if you are an awardee for another AIM-AHEAD program, you will <b>not</b> be eligible to receive a stipend from this training program.
5. I am currently a mentor for a different AIM-AHEAD Program. Am I eligible to apply for this training to improve my skills?	5. You are encouraged to apply. As an AIM-AHEAD funded researcher, you will not receive a stipend from this training program.
6. Am I eligible to apply if I hold a bachelor’s degree from a foreign institution and an advanced degree from a U.S. institution?	6. There is a minimum requirement of a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. institution. You are eligible to apply if you hold a degree from a U.S. institution and if you meet other criteria.
7. As senior faculty, will I need to submit all letters of recommendation?	7. You are encouraged to apply; as faculty you don't need a letter of support/recommendation.
8. For the requirement regarding 'organization compliance documents: Institutional signoff on <b>Data Use Agreements / Data Sharing Agreements.</b> ' What specific document is needed or what information does the document need to have? What office or department is	<p>8. Many US institutions have already established data use agreements with NCATS (list: <a href="https://covid.cd2h.org/duas/">https://covid.cd2h.org/duas/</a> for COVID Tenant; AND <a href="https://covid.cd2h.org/tenant-duas/">https://covid.cd2h.org/tenant-duas/</a> for Educational Tenant).</p> <p>If your institution does not yet have a COVID Tenant DUA <b>and</b> an Education Tenant DUA with NCATS, it is</p>

<p>responsible for this document? What data sets will be share/use with my institution?</p>	<p>important to start on that process quickly, so your access to those databases is not delayed. Begin by contacting your institution's office of research/sponsored programs.</p> <p>If needed, the leads and instructors will assist you in the necessary steps for obtaining the DUAs.</p>
<p>9. Where do I upload letters of support/reference letters?</p>	<p>9. Reference letters will be submitted by the referring individual; you need to provide the contact information for the referring individual.</p>