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Dear Colleagues:

The purpose of this email is to announce the recruitment of postdoctoral trainees for our CIRM-Funded TRANSCEND Training Program. **Only postdoctoral applications will be accepted.** Applications for the third cohort must be received by the 9th of January 2026. Applicants should have completed one year of postdoctoral training by February 1st, 2026.

Criteria that will be evaluated include: Relevance of research to human stem cell research, qualification of the candidate, training environment, qualifications of mentor, and scientific merit of the research plan.

TRANSCEND will provide the following:

Postdoctoral Trainee Salary: The CIRM training grant will cover salary based on your postdoctoral experience level. **Note:** for supplementation by the Mentor, funds provided should be from an unrestricted and non-CIRM funding source.

Postdoctoral Health Insurance: Up to \$5,000. **Note:** for supplementation by the Mentor, funds provided should be from an unrestricted and non-CIRM funding source.

Postdoctoral Trainee research and travel allowance: Approximately \$5,900/year (laboratory supplies, travel, books etc.).

Please note the following:

- TRANSCEND aims to recruit trainees from scientifically diverse backgrounds.
- We are encouraged by the funding agency to recruit and retain trainees from many different backgrounds, including underrepresented minorities and trainees with special needs or disabilities.
- The Mentor is expected to have an active, securely funded research program in an area related to basic or translational stem-cell research.
- Postdoctoral appointments will be for a 1-year period.
- The trainees and mentors will have to adhere fully to the scientific and fiscal guidelines of CIRM.

Application Packets for each candidate should include:

1. Cover page attached to this email plus each of the following:
2. Current Biosketch (for both the candidate and mentor – please use NIH form)



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3. Candidate's Research Plan (1 page max) and Statement of Career Plan (1/2 page max).
4. Statement of the Mentor's Current and Pending Research Funding that will be used to **specifically** fund the trainee's stem cell project (can be included as part of the mentor's nomination letter or Biosketch). Mentors should include availability of 19900 funds to cover health insurance.
5. A letter of nomination from the mentor, evaluating the candidate's experience and qualifications, explaining the nature of the research and training experience proposed for the candidate.
6. A statement that the candidate is committed to auditing the three formal courses when they are next offered and the two-yearly stem cell seminars (CMDB 255 and 256) every time they are offered. The three formal courses are: CMDB 207 Stem Cell Biology and Medicine; Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of Stem Cell Research; and Science-to-Policy (S2P) Certification Course for stem cell researchers.
7. A statement that the mentor is willing to participate actively in the Stem Cell Training Program and ensure the candidate will pursue the proposed stem cell project while participating in TRANSCEND. This can be incorporated in the mentor's nomination letter (please bold this section).
8. The above documents should be combined into a single PDF file, which should be submitted by the candidate's mentor to Shane Kennedy (skenn003@ucr.edu).

Underrepresented minorities are encouraged to apply. Applications can be submitted at any time. To be considered for this recruitment, your complete application packet as a postdoctoral trainee should be received **by 5 PM on Jan 9th, 2026**.

You can distribute this information to others.

Sincerely,

Prue Talbot, Ph.D. Director

Huinan Liu, Ph.D. Associate Director

Martin Garcia-Castro, Ph.D. Associate Director