



PCI: a PhD in Clinical Investigation

Program Goal: To provide novel, innovative, and forward-looking pre-doctoral training for biomedical investigators seeking to develop careers in translational science, creating new knowledge to help promote human health and prevent or treat disease.

All potential applicants are strongly encouraged to consult with PCI leadership to discuss the PCI, and for advice regarding the application process and mentor selection.

Curriculum: First year graduate students pursue any course of study consistent with general graduate school policies (e.g., 21 credit hours of course work, and 3 rotations, in year 1).

Required Courses (usually taken in the second year of graduate school):

Summer term: Clinical Research Intensive

Fall term: Multivariable Regression and Epidemiologic Research Methods

Recommended (not required):

Year 2 and beyond: Further methodologically or analytically oriented course work specific to each trainee, to be determined by program directors and mentors.

Faculty mentors: Faculty from any department can potentially be a mentor based on appropriate research and mentoring plans. The mentoring plan is an opportunity to describe the research environment mentors will provide, and a brief description of how they will individually and collectively provide mentoring so that you can achieve your proposed aims.

Funding: Students enrolled in PCI, who are training grant eligible, are evaluated for support by PCI associated training grant(s). Acceptance into PCI and the potential of subsequent funding are mutually exclusive.

Students wishing to apply to PCI should submit the following materials to (<https://einsteinmed-6620.app451.sites.451.io/>) by May 8, 2026, collated into a single PDF document:

- Student's CV
- Bio sketches and current other support of the potential mentor and co-mentor and their relationship on this project (i.e., current collaborators)
- A personal statement about why you are interested in PCI, and what you hope to gain from this program (1 page maximum)
- A mentoring plan (2 pages maximum)
- A brief description of a potential research area/project (4 pages maximum) that should include: background/significance, aims, proposed methods, anticipated outcomes, how this project is consistent with the goals of the PCI program, and literature cited.

Additional Information: Interested students or faculty are encouraged to attend one of the following informational sessions or contact program leadership:

Information Session 1: March 24th 12noon-1pm (<https://einsteinmed.zoom.us/j/95933434138>)

Information Session 2: April 1st 1-2pm (<https://einsteinmed.zoom.us/j/98394909055>)

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