Palliative Care and Aging Research Training (T32) Application

General Criteria and Requirements

- Anyone eligible is encouraged to apply
- Individuals from underrepresented minority groups are especially encouraged to apply
- All proposals **must** directly relate to the specific focus of the T32 (Palliative Care and Aging)
- All candidates must agree to applicable payback stipulations in the T32 regulations
- All candidates will be encouraged to submit other grants, freeing up T32 money for additional awardees
- All candidates doing human subject research are required to have approval from their IRB
- All candidates doing human subject research must have passed the NIH required human subjects training and test (CITI Basic www.citiprogram.org) prior to starting any aspects of the studies
- Please refer to the NIH website for specific Institutional NRSA (T32) details and requirements

Application Components

1. Letter of interest from candidate (including statement of interest in academic career)
2. Letter of support from planned mentor, indicating their commitment to serve as your mentor
3. NIH format Biosketch with Personal Statement *(Preferred)*
   - CV or resume *(Accepted)*
4. Mentor's NIH Biosketch with Personal Statement *(Preferred)*
   - CV or resume *(Accepted)*
5. Letters of recommendation that address the candidate's potential as an investigator – **3 total** *(must be submitted directly from the letter writer)*
6. 3-page Goals Statement (minimum 11 Arial font and 0.5" margins on all four sides) responding to each of the following 5 questions

   1. What are your career goals?
   2. Why are you choosing to apply to the University of Colorado Palliative Care and Aging Research Training program? Why did you choose to apply to work with this specific mentor(s)?
   3. Dissemination: What data will you analyze, write-up, and submit within the first year of the fellowship? (This is often data which has already been collected either by you or your proposed mentor(s) which you could analyze.)
   4. Skills: What skills will you focus on mastering in the first year of the fellowship and how will you master them? (This often means joining ongoing projects where you gain on-the-job skills training.)
   5. What will be your plan to develop an independent project? (Please include as much information as possible about the project, how you will attempt to find funding for the project, and a timeline geared towards completing and disseminating project results within the two-year fellowship. This should be developed by discussion with your proposed mentor)

7. 3-page project description (minimum 11 Arial font and 0.5" margins on all four sides, single spaced) – *excluding references*
   - Specific aim / hypothesis
   - Background
   - Brief description of planned study design
   - Brief timeline for research activity and expected end products of your research (spanning 2 years of funding)
   - References *(in addition to 3-page project description)*

Be sure to include your name on all application materials.