We are requesting funding for **5** predoctoral slots for each year of the five-year proposed project period at the NIH Fiscal Year 2024 stipend level rates. The duration of the proposed program is 2 years for each trainee.

**Predoctoral Stipends: $28,224 per trainee x 5 trainees = $141,120**

**Funds Requested: $141,120 per budget year**

**Tuition and Fees:** Graduate Tuition and Fee funds have been requested at a rate of $214,297 for budget year 1 with a 10% increase for subsequent years.

**Trainee Travel:** Trainee travel, including attendance to at least one scientific meeting and/or workshop per year, is an integral part of the training experience that we want to give students so they may interact and exchange ideas with peers. We are requesting support at a rate of $500 per trainee for 5 trainees.

**Funds Requested:** $2,500 per budget year

**Training and Related Expenses**: $4,550 per trainee is requested to defray costs for research and related expenses, such as research supplies, poster preparation and publications.

**Funds Requested:** $22,750 per budget year

**Indirect Costs** have been calculated using an 8% base that excludes the cost of Tuition & Fees.