

MINISTP Trainee Application Form

Name: GPILS Program:

Mentor: Department:

Year joined UMB: Date of passing quals ☐ Current Trainee ☐ New Application

Please include or forward: ☐ Resume, including GPILS grades ☐ Letter of reference

☐ Mentor's NIH Biosketch ☐ Mentor's current funding statement (with Direct costs and dates)

*The Mechanisms Integrating Nervous and Immune Systems, Training Program (MINISTP) aims to build a vibrant academic community of students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty motivated to learn about and share ideas on how the nervous and immune systems regulate each other's functions. The program's success depends on active engagement in scientific research and discussion by participants at all levels. Details about the program components designed to promote these can be found on our website. With this in mind, please discuss in the space **below how your specific training goals, research interests, and career aspirations will benefit from participating in MINISTP.***

Please email the completed form & required documents to
neuroimmunology@som.umaryland.edu

Your PI can email the letter of reference directly to the same address.

Due date for all material : September 15, 2026

MINISTP: Mentor-Student Compact Form

We _____ (Mentor (M)) and _____ (Trainee (T)) are aware of the following program commitments required of us and our signature/initials below indicate our willingness to contribute to these programmatic goals.

_____ (T): MINISTP trainees have to successfully complete the ICONIC coursework, any assignments associated with the class and obtain a minimum of A- in the final evaluation.

_____ (M) _____ (T): MINISTP mentor and trainee agrees to work with the MINISTP Program directors (PD) to identify a SkillBuilder project for acquiring bioinformatics proficiency for the trainee. This requirement is exempt if the trainee already has proficiency in the area (can be decided in discussion with the SkillBuilder mentoring team / Dr. Fertig)

_____ (M) _____ (T): MINISTP mentor and trainees agrees actively participate in the monthly program meetings (mentors to attend, when possible; trainees are required attend all meetings and inform PDs of any planned absences), annual meetings and discuss ongoing experiments or interesting literature.

_____ (M): MINISTP mentors agree to join the Rotating Current Mentor Panel (RCMP) of the T32 and help review student progress once in 6 months. Mentors will also communicate with the PDs to update the program on the student's IDP and Thesis committee meetings and reports.

_____ Mentor Signature & Date

_____ Trainee Signature & Date

_____ PD Signature & Date

_____ Co-PD Signature & Date