

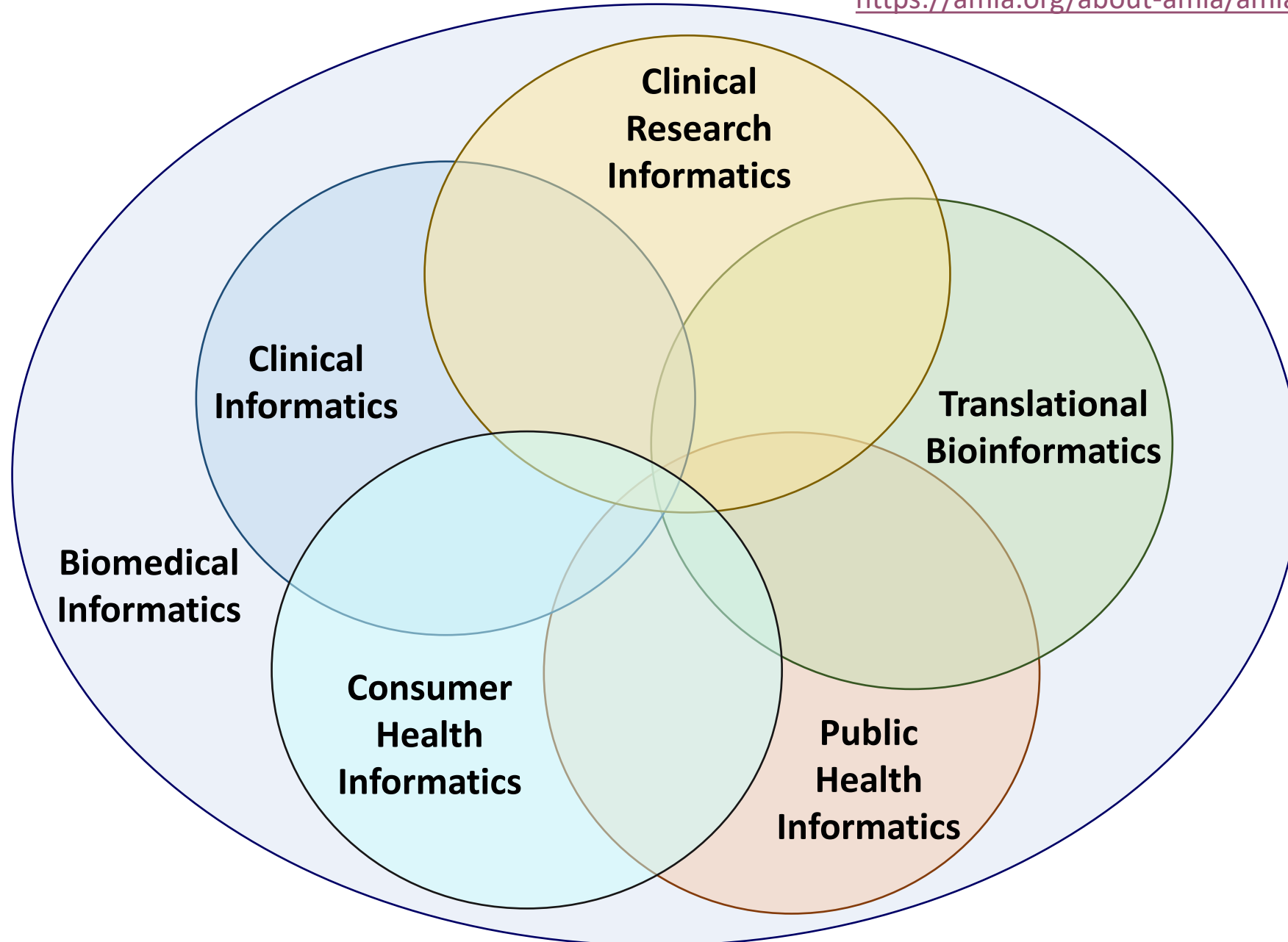
**UCSF Clinical & Translational Sciences Training Program:
Clinical Research Informatics Postdoctoral (CRISP) Fellowship**

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Five Domains of Biomedical Informatics (American Medical Informatics Association)

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Clinical Research Informatics: Challenges, Opportunities and Definition for an Emerging Domain

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Abstract **Objectives:** Clinical Research Informatics is currently not well defined. A formal description of CRI and direct progress in the field.

Design: Given the early stage of CRI knowledge and key stakeholders and opinion leaders to determine the phases employed complimentary methods to triangulate

Measurements: Study phases included: 1) a group interview with a larger group of self-identified CRI professionals, 2) a debriefing and member-checking with a group of CRI professionals and organized for formal, independent content analysis, and 3) an iterative process to identify emergent categorizations

Results: We identified a range of challenges and opportunities themes spanning academic, practical, and organizational development of a formal definition of CRI and supported further representations that illustrate areas of emphasis critical to advancing the domain.

Conclusions: CRI has emerged as a distinct discipline that faces multiple challenges and opportunities. The findings presented summarize those challenges and opportunities and provide a framework that should help inform next steps to advance this important new discipline.

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Editorial



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The maturation of clinical research informatics as a subdomain of biomedical informatics

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Rachel L. Richesson · James E. Andrews
Editors

Clinical Research Informatics

Second Edition

Clinical Research Informatics involves **the use of informatics in the discovery and management of new knowledge relating to health and disease**. It includes management of information related to clinical trials and secondary use of clinical data to advance translational research and support Learning Health Systems.

Overlap between clinical informatics, clinical research informatics and clinical research

Clinical Informatics

- Enterprise Information Systems
- Clinical decision support
- Human-centered design
- Workflow engineering
- Change management
- Computer programming
- Data privacy and security
- EHR governance
- Quality improvement principles
- Mobile technology (wearables)
- Health economics & financing

Clinical Research Informatics

- Leveraging EHR data to improve population health
- Computable phenotypes
- Data standards & vocabularies
- Health information exchange
- Dashboards/data visualization
- Human factors engineering
- Machine learning algorithms
- Applied artificial intelligence
- Implementation science
- Workflow optimization

Clinical Research

- Study design
- Subject recruitment
- Data management
- Data quality assurance
- Clinical epidemiology
- Ethical conduct of research
- Publishing & presenting research
- Biostatistics
- Systematic reviews
- Clinical trials
- Program evaluation
- Grant writing

Clinical Research Informatics: Combining research and operations in a learning healthcare system

CRISP Components

	1) Mentored research project
	2) Training in Clinical Research (TICR) courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced Training in Clinical Research Certificate,• Master of Science Degree in Health Data Science (MiHDAS),• Master in Advanced Studies (MAS) Degree in Clinical Research, or• Tailored course selections from Training in Clinical Research program
	3) Weekly didactic sessions with UCSF Clinical Informatics Fellows
	4) Fellows Advancement Skills Training in Clinical Research (FAST-CaR) Career Development Seminars
	5) Regular works in progress seminars
	6) Clinical experience (20% effort)

Fellows Advancement Skills Training in Clinical Research (FAST-CaR)

Session Topics	Presenters
Fri, Sep 6, 2024 - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM: FAST-CaR Orientation and Introductions Academic Prioritization for Fellows/Early Career Faculty Presenting Your Research in Talks	Jon Singer Lucy Kornblith Danny Calabrese
Wed, Nov 13, 2024 - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM: Taking the Next Step: Career Growth Discussion with Senior CTSI K Scholars Career Development Award: Setting Up for Success How to Seek and Interview for Your First Academic Job	Anita Hargrave and Jonathan Witonsky Naomi Bardach Gabriela Schmajuk
Fri, Jan 24, 2025 - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM: How Publishing Non-Original Research (i.e. Thought Pieces) Can Advance Your Research Career Crafting Abstracts and Posters for Academic Meetings Large Datasets Available to Researchers at UCSF and Other CTSI Resources	Louise Walter Matthew Growdon Mark Pletcher and Lisa Schoonerman
Wed, May 7, 2025 - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM: Negotiation Strategies Research Budgets Work-Life Balance	Jennifer Lai Krista Harrison Mary Karalius

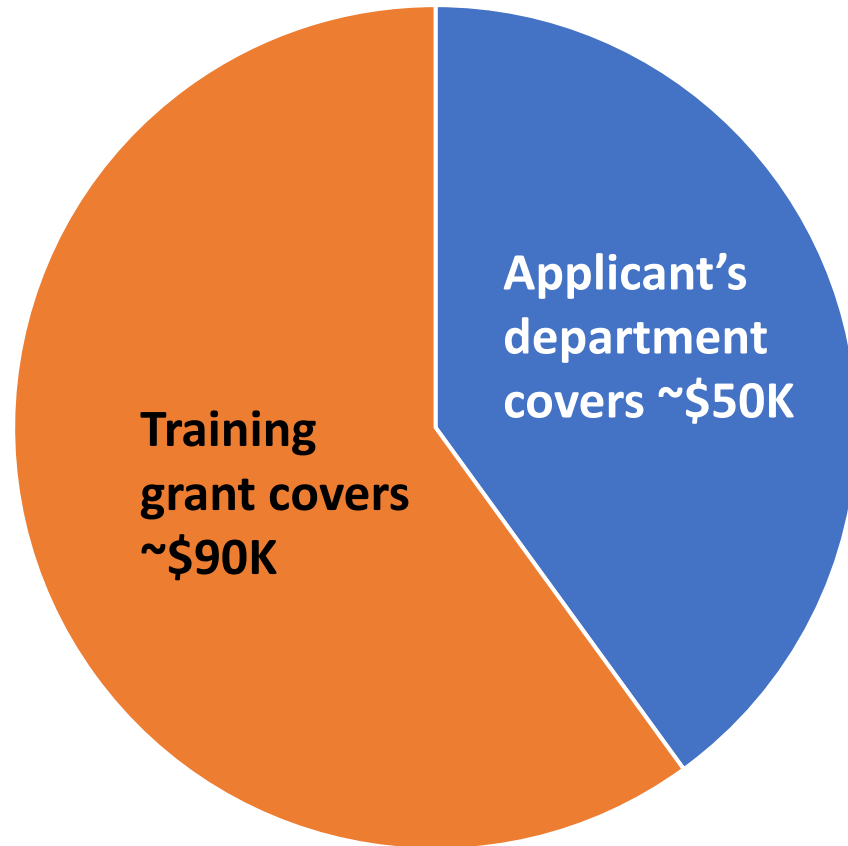
CRISP Program Recommended Courses <https://crisp.ucsf.edu>

Quarter	Course
Summer	Designing Clinical Research (EPI 202)
	Introduction to Programming in R (BIOSTAT 213)
	Introduction to the Science of Big Data (BIOSTAT 202)
	Introduction to Clinical Informatics (EPI 232)
Fall	Clinical Epidemiology (EPI 204)
	Biostatistics for Clinical Research I (BIOSTAT 200)
	Advanced Programming in R (BIOSTAT 214)
	Introduction to Python and Data Science Tools (DATASCI 217)
Winter	Clinical Trials (EPI 205)
	Machine Learning in R (BIOSTAT 216)
	Biostatistics for Clinical Research II (BIOSTAT 208)
	Use of EHR Data for Research (EPI 231)
Spring	Publishing and Presenting Clinical Research (EPI 212)
	Biostatistics for Clinical Research III (BIOSTAT 209)
	Applied Data Science with Python (DATASCI 223)
	Understanding Machine Learning (DATASCI 224)

Eligibility

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Doctoral degree
- Clinical license in a healthcare profession (medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, psychology, physical therapy, acupuncture, podiatry)
- Fewer than three years of prior funding through institutional or individual NRSA postdoctoral grants
- Applicant department must commit to covering approximately 35% (\$50,000/year) of the costs

Estimated Annual Cost of Fellowship



Department/division must cover:

- Difference between UCSF and NIH pay scales
- Course tuition not covered by training grant
- Miscellaneous expenses (e.g., travel, conference registration)

→ Revenue from fellow's 20% clinical activities typically covers these costs

Application Review Criteria

Selection criteria focus on the candidate's potential to become a productive clinical investigator and successful K awardee as evaluated across five domains:

Mentor	Experience of applicant's mentor(s) and success of their prior trainees. Commitment of the proposed mentor(s) and plan for training.
Candidate	Candidate's potential to conduct innovative research based on background, integrity, areas of interest/expertise, prior publications, and grants.
Research plan	Scientific strength, clinical importance, and <u>feasibility</u> of the proposed research plan.
Resources	Tangible resources provided by the mentor (e.g., data analytic support, administrative support, travel to scientific conferences).
Academic potential	Likelihood that the candidate will pursue an academic career (starting with a K award) and conduct research that will improve health care.

CRISP Fellows 2021-2023: what are they doing now?



Mohamed Seedahmed MD MPH
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Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine




Rachael Stovall MD
Assistant Professor, U. Washington
Rheumatology




Jonathan Witonsky MD MAS
Assistant Professor, UCSF
Pediatric Allergy & Immunology

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Education and Clinical Practice: Original Research

Race- and Ethnicity-Based Spirometry Reference Equations: Are They Accurate for Genetically Admixed Children?

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CRISP Fellows 2023-24



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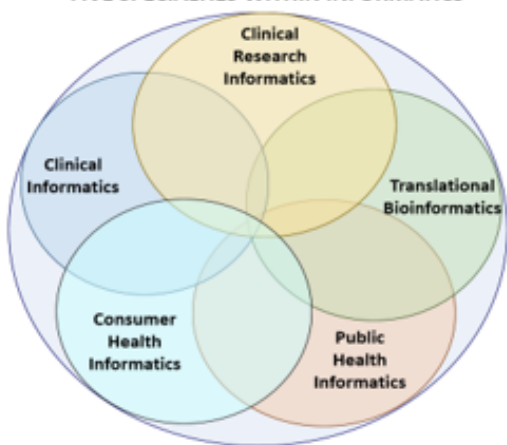
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(CLINICAL RESEARCH INFORMATICS POSTDOCTORAL)

FELLOWSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
APRIL 1, 2025
OFFERS EXTENDED:
MAY 1, 2025
FELLOWSHIP BEGINS:
JULY 1, 2025

FIVE SPECIALTIES WITHIN INFORMATICS



What is Clinical Research Informatics?

[Clinical Research Informatics](#) is one of five informatics subspecialties defined by the American Medical Informatics Society. It encompasses the technology, processes, principles, and practices required for clinical research involving human subjects and their data.

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Discussion

What is CRISP?

The Clinical Research Informatics Postdoctoral (CRISP) Fellowship provides tailored training for clinician investigators who seek to improve healthcare through the science of clinical research informatics. This one-year fellowship is funded by a training (TL1) grant from the National Center for Advancing Translational Science (NCATS), the UCSF Clinical and Translational Science Institute, and the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. CRISP Fellows receive a stipend commensurate with their PGY/postdoctoral fellow status plus tuition assistance for didactic training in data science, artificial intelligence, and clinical research.