Vice President’s Clinical and Translational (VPCAT) Research Scholars Program

-- 2021 Scientific Mentor(s) Requirements and Expectations --

A strong mentor is a key component to a faculty member’s success. Our program requires that your proposed scientific mentor is an established investigator. Our preference is that they are an acknowledged expert in your field and supported by NIH or other competitive awards. If it is deemed advantageous, you can identify more than one scientific mentor. In such cases, one individual must be identified as the ‘Primary Scientific Mentor.’

To be a competitive applicant, your scientific mentor(s) will need to meet all of the requirements and expectations listed below. We recommend that you review these criteria with your scientific mentor(s).

If you have any questions, please contact the VPCAT Program Coordinator, Jenny Cochrane, either by phone (801-585-9354) or email.

### Scientific Mentor(s) Requirements

- Your mentor should have and/or had extramural funding (preferably NIH, AHRQ, VA, DoD, or other equivalent federal agencies) in the proposed research area of your mentee.
- Your mentor should be a recognized, accomplished investigator in your field.
- Your mentor should have a track record of success in training and placing independent investigators.
- You and your mentor should have an established relationship which can be evidenced by a publication, abstract, and/or presentation.

### Scientific Mentor(s) Expectations

- Your mentor should acknowledge that you have an allotted minimum of 30% FTE (3.60 person months) to devote to the development of your career and research program during the 2-year program period.
- Your mentor should agree to guide you in implementing a transition to independence plan in order to ensure you successfully progress from mentored stage to independence.
- Your mentor should be able to write a Letter of Support detailing your qualifications; outlining the plan for your supervision and monitoring of your progress; and describing the mentorship that will occur during the 2-year program.
- Within your Letter of Support, your mentor should be able to state that he/she/they have read this Scientific Mentor Requirements and Expectations sheet, and be able assure reviewers that he/she/they agree to fulfill the responsibilities outlined within.
- Your mentor should confirm that he/she/they will assist you in the preparation of your VPCAT application.
- Your mentor should confirm that he/she/they will attend the 1-hour VPCAT Initial Mentoring Team Meeting with you, the VPCAT senior mentor, and program personnel to take place by March 2021.
- Your mentor should be committed to regular meetings with you to monitor your research progress, career development, and grant and manuscript preparation.
- Your mentor should be committed to guiding you through the development and submission of extra- and intramural grant applications.
- Your mentor should confirm his/her/their commitment to maintaining an open-door policy, as well as cultivating a rich and safe environment that will allow you to achieve your career goals.
- Your mentor should guide you in the completion of the required VPCAT Scholar Career Development Plan (VS-CDP) to help you in establishing your career and research goals.