**Clinical and Translational Science Institute**

**2022 Mentor Academy**

**Request for Applications**

**Application deadline: FRIDAY, OCTOber 29, 2021**

**OVERVIEW**

The Wake Forest Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) is accepting applications for the 2022 CTSI Mentor Academy,a formal, evidence-based, 6-month didactic and experiential training program to enhance the mentoring skills of mid-career and early senior clinical and translational researchers. Early career investigators with significant mentoring responsibilities are also invited to apply. The 2022 Mentor Academy will begin in January 2022 and end in June 2022.

Mentor development is critical to our research enterprise as satisfaction with mentoring has been linked with mentee productivity, self-efficacy, career satisfaction for both mentor and mentee, and is an important predictor of the academic success of scientists in training1-6. The goal of the CTSI Mentor Academy is to contribute to increasing the next generation of investigators with competencies specific to research mentoring. The program is an integral part of CTSI initiatives for improving and expanding the research environment at Wake Forest. It is also meant to be complementary to other institutional mentoring initiatives that focus on overall mentoring in leadership and career development. The mentor academy satisfies the requirement for formal faculty mentoring training, as required by many NIH training grants.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Mid-level or early senior investigators, or early career investigators with significant mentoring responsibilities, from Wake Forest, Atrium or regional academic institutions currently involved in, or interested in, mentoring researchers at all career stages are eligible to apply for the Mentor Academy. Women and underrepresented minorities are encouraged to apply. We plan to accept about twelve participants into the Mentor Academy, based on applications received.

**CURRICULUM**

The evidence-based curriculum follows a nationally vetted curriculum7-8 and includes 20 contact hours of didactic and experiential training, complemented with outside readings and assignments. Content will focus on six core competencies for research mentoring: 1) maintaining effective communication; 2) aligning expectations; 3) addressing understanding; 4) addressing equity and inclusion; 5) fostering independence; and 6) promoting professional development. Sessions are two hours in length and will be held every 2-3 weeks.

In 2020 and 2021, most of the Academy was held in a virtual format. The format for 2022 session is yet to be determined. A virtual participation option will likely be available.

**EXPECTATIONS**

Participants selected for the Mentor Academy are expected to attend >80% of the Mentor Academy sessions, complete a variety of self-assessment and evaluation activities, and actively engage and share mentoring experiences with fellow participants. Participants are also expected to complete a Pre-Academy self-evaluation and follow-up assessments at the conclusion of the Academy, and again 6 months later. Participating faculty who enroll in the Mentor Academy are eligible to receive 5% salary support.

**APPLICATION**

[](https://redcap.link/2022MentorAcademy)Applications will be accepted online. Click on <https://redcap.link/2022MentorAcademy>

to submit an application, or scan the QR code. **Note that a Letter of Support from the Department Chair is required and must be uploaded as part of the online application.** Applications must be submitted by **Friday, October 29.**

A *SAVE AND RETURN* option will be available on the submission form.

**The application must include:**

1. Description of your *current engagement in research*
2. Description of your *experience in mentoring*
3. Completion of *mentee information* (number and career level for current and past mentees)
4. Statement of *why you are interested in participating in the Mentor Academy*
5. Description of any *prior formal or informal mentor training*
6. Explanation of the *specific mentoring knowledge and skills you seek to advance* by participating in the Mentor Academy
7. *Letter of Support* from your Department Chair agreeing to the 5% commitment of effort over the 6-month period. Please upload in your REDCap application.

**REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

Applications will be reviewed by members of the CTSI Education Administration and Oversight Committee. **All applicants will be notified of the status of their application by Friday, November 19th.**

**INFORMATION**

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