

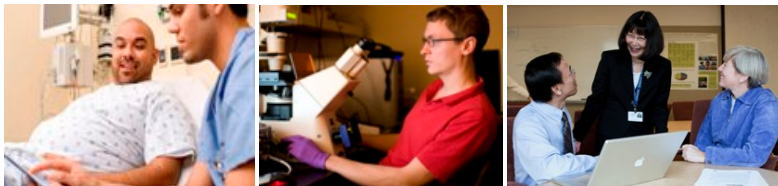
# OCTRI Scholars Program

The goal of this program is to enhance the development of research scientists and clinician scientists by:

- Promoting awareness of opportunities for mentored career development research awards.
- Assisting applicants to develop an application for a career development award and optimize their chances of funding.
- Supporting skill development and facilitate progress towards research independence through conversion to an R01 or similar.

## Who can participate?

- Anyone at OHSU or VA who is applying for or who has a career development award.
- This includes VA CDA, NIH K awards, plus career development awards available through professional groups or funding groups, e.g. American Heart Association, American Cancer Society.



## What is available?

**An educational program** to support development of competencies in clinical and translational research, along with specific skills.

- Human Investigations Program (HIP) allows participation through enrolling in a single class through completion of a certificate or Master of Clinical Research.
- Classes offered in biostatistics, proposal development, project management.
- Communication for leading research teams, systematic review, etc.
- [www.ohsu.edu/hip](http://www.ohsu.edu/hip)

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**Additional mentoring activities** to provide support to the scholar.

- An informal, quarterly event to provide a networking community of scholars and to provide information and discuss topics of interest to scholars such as responding to reviewers; managing your time; and maximizing publications. The purpose is to present content that the scholars want to know more about to allow knowledge dissemination outside of the mentor-mentee relationship.
- Smaller, intensive writing groups who commit to meet biweekly for peer mentoring. These groups are organized around grant deadlines and provide an efficient means to get peer support and advice to improve the developing proposal.

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**Support of career development award research** through obtaining services.

- Use of OCTRI services such as biostatistics, bioinformatics, clinical informatics, research compliance, IRB submission, help with the NIH application process, CTSC support which can include assistance with recruiting, research nursing, blood draws, bionutrition. Contact [octri@ohsu.edu](mailto:octri@ohsu.edu) for additional details.

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**Support to maximize odds of research success** through offering opportunities for helpful feedback at critical times in the development of research.

- OCTRI Design Studio, a monthly forum for presentation of research concept and proposal plans to a senior group of researchers.
- Ideal times to present at design studio are:
  - At the time of proposing a career development award
  - At the time of implementing a funded career development award research
  - At the time of development of an application for any subsequent R award
- If you are requesting support from OCTRI programs, presentation at the OCTRI Design Studio may be required.
- CDA Library, a repository of successful examples of many different types of career development awards along with some reviews. Contact Karen McCracken or Cindy Morris for more details or to unlock the library.
- Targeted information dissemination via listserv on funding opportunities, seminars and conferences, and developments key to career development awardees.

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**Support to maximize mentoring** through participation in OHSU programs to improve the quality of mentoring.

- Opportunities for peer mentoring through quarterly networking events.
- Participation in OHSU institutional programs that deliver workshops and seminars targeted to mentorship.

For more details about any of the offerings, contact:  
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