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 Scholars 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 award

Who can participate?

Anyone at OHSU or VA who has a career development award. No application necessary. 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. Contact Melissa Mudd to see if your award qualifies.

Program Benefits and Services

**Education**: to support development of competencies in clinical and translational research with specific skills

*Human Investigations Program (HIP)* allows participation through single class enrollment through completion of a certificate or Master of Clinical Research.

- Classes offered in biostatistics, proposal development, project management, and more.
- Communication for leading research teams, systematic review, etc.
  
  www.ohsu.edu/hip

*Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)* training meets the requirements for all federal and non-federal career development grants.

- Offered each February-March
  
  http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/octri/education-training/rcr-training-opportunity.cfm
Mentoring: activities to provide support during career development

_Scholars Quarterly Networking_ events are informal gatherings to support and engage early-career investigators by providing opportunities to meet, engage in discussions, share knowledge beyond the mentor-mentee relationship, build a career development network across OHSU’s disciplines and learn about career development opportunities and resources.

_Targeted information_ dissemination of funding opportunities, seminars, workshops, conferences, and developments key to career development awardees.

Research Support: offering necessary services to advance research

_OCTRI services_ offered include biostatistics, bioinformatics, clinical informatics, research compliance, IRB submission, voucher program, help with the NIH application process, CTRC support such as recruiting, research nursing, blood draws, or bionutrition. View the Clinical Research Navigator website for additional details and service areas [https://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/octri/resources/clinical-research-navigator.cfm](https://www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/octri/resources/clinical-research-navigator.cfm)

_Pilot Awards_ to advance investigators research and career development through the Patient Clinical Interactions and Pathways to Independence awards.

Proposal Support: offering feedback at critical times in the development of research

_OCTRI Design Studio_ is a monthly forum to present your research concept and proposal plans to a group of OHSU investigators.

- Ideal presentation times include at the time of proposing or implementing a career development award, or during development of your first independent application.

_CDA Library_ access to a repository of successful examples of career development awards along with some reviews and resources. Contact Melissa Mudd to access the library.

_Proposal Development_ HIP course where trainees develop a research hypothesis, specific aims, and research methods to answer a clinical question culminating in a grant proposal. This class can be taken as a non-degree student.

For more details about any of the offerings, contact: OHSU Research Navigator (navigator@ohsu.edu)
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