

Office for Research's Early Career Grant Development Program

**Due date:** Applications are due via [REDCap](#) by **11:59p.m. C.S.T. on Friday, April 29, 2022**

**Goal and Description:** The Early Career Grant Development Program is a four-month intensive program designed to enhance the grantsmanship skills of junior faculty. Upon completion of the program, each participant will be expected to have a proposal suitable for submission to an extramural funding agency. Program activities include:

- one-on-one mentoring with experienced senior faculty
- peer mentoring
- didactic sessions
- grant writing/ editing support

**Facilitator:** David Gius, MD, Ph.D., Assistant Dean for Research, leads the grant development program. He is an accomplished physician/scientist at UT Health San Antonio with a CPRIT Established Investigator Award and a UT STARS award, a principal investigator of three NIH-R01 grants, 22 of his mentees are faculty members, and 13 are NCI-funded investigators. His expertise is ideally situated to support the research grant development of basic and clinical faculty at UT Health San Antonio.

**Program Outline:** Meetings are held weekly from May to August and consist of didactic and peer-mentoring sessions with a required monthly one-on-one session with the Assistant Dean for Research. As mentoring is a crucial aspect of the program, participants must also have a senior faculty mentor with a history of extramural funding. If an applicant does not already have this relationship in place, the Office for Research will facilitate an appropriate pairing. Throughout the program, participants are expected to obtain regular feedback from their mentors, and mentors are encouraged to attend program sessions. When possible, senior UT Health San Antonio investigators will serve as "guest lecturers", attending meetings and providing participants with additional feedback. Program participants will have access to editing services from an external consultant at no cost to them.

**Eligibility:** The grant development program is available for investigators with a primary appointment in the Long School of Medicine, and ideal for early to mid-career faculty

**Application Submission:** Submit applications via [REDCap](#) ( <https://redcap.uthscsa.edu/REDCap/surveys/?s=FPW7LFFT8C>); documents should be uploaded as Portable Document Format (PDF), use Arial 11-point font, single spacing, and 0.5-inch margins. Failure to follow these or the following guidelines may result in the application being administratively withdrawn.

The application should include the following:

1. White paper on project (2 page maximum): broad, long-term objectives and specific aims and objectives and methods to be employed. The summary is a description of the proposed work. It should be informative to other persons working in the same or related fields and, insofar as possible, understandable to a scientifically or technically literate lay reader.
2. Applicant's full CV
3. Letter of support from department chair and division chief, if applicable, demonstrating institutional commitment for time to attend all required sessions of the program.
  - Optional: Letter of support from mentor, mentor's CV (must include if there is a mentor in place)

**Review process:** Applications will be reviewed by Office for Research leadership. Participants will be selected based on their potential to develop into an independent investigator and obtain subsequent extramural research funding. No more than six applicants will be selected for the 2022 cohort.

**Recruitment Schedule:**

- April 29, 2022: Applications due
- May 11, 2022: Notification of selection

**Program Schedule:** Dates for mandatory standing group sessions will be determined in conjunction with participants to account for varying schedules. These sessions will take place weekly from May- August during normal business hours. The first session is scheduled for the week of May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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