Information for Protégés Applying to APA Cyber Mentors Program

APA Cyber Mentors protégés participate in a two-year, e-collaboration and distance learning mentorship program designed to prepare doctoral-level behavioral and social scientists for careers as independent researchers in the area of HIV/AIDS and health disparities among populations of color and other communities disproportionately affected by the virus. Cyber Mentors utilizes state-of-the-art e-collaboration, and distance learning technologies (e.g., social media, webinars, etc.) to help protégés achieve three major goals:

♦ Develop and implement a career development plan focused on building the capacity to conduct independent research in the area of HIV/AIDS and health disparities.

♦ Conceptualize, draft and submit a high-quality research application to an appropriate funding mechanism.

♦ Establish a mutually supportive network of professional colleagues with common research interests.

The Cyber Mentors program, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, matches early career protégés with mentors who are leaders in the field with a strong history of receiving National Institutes of Health-supported grants.

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Eligibility Requirements

- Must have demonstrated interest in pursuing a career as an independent researcher in the area of HIV/AIDS and health disparities among populations of color and other communities disproportionately affected by the virus.

- Must have completed a PhD or equivalent degree in behavioral or social science within the last seven years (e.g., psychology, public health, sociology, anthropology, social work, etc.) or an MD.

- Must be employed in a position that permits submission of independent research grants.

- Must be affiliated with an institution that supports research grant applications.

- Must not have previously received an R01 grant from NIH.

- Must commit to participate in the entire two-year program.

- Must commit to developing and submitting a competitive grant application to NIH by the end of the program.

A major purpose of this program is to increase the number of underrepresented scholars and researchers (i.e., African-Americans, American Indians/Alaskan Natives, Hispanics/Latino(a)s, and Asians/Pacific Islanders) who pursue a career in the area of HIV/AIDS and minority communities.

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I. **Letter of Institutional Support**: A letter from the applicant institution indicating a commitment to providing a supportive environment and detailing the specific resources the institution will provide (for example, specific in-kind resources, release time, money to attend conferences or other similar support) to help foster the development of the junior investigator into an independent academic researcher.

II. **Career Objectives & Self-assessment**: A document of 750 words or less that describes career objectives and provides a self-assessment (e.g., strength and weaknesses) of the applicant’s current capacity to function as an independent researcher in the area of HIV/AIDS and health disparities.

III. **Research Question**: A document of 750 words or less that describes the HIV/AIDS-related research question of interest to the applicant. It should include a statement of the problems, the specific aims and/or research question(s) to be address, and a proposed research design describing participant population, analysis and other critical elements.

IV. **Personal Statement**: A document of 500 words or less that details the applicant’s interest in the Cyber Mentors program, his/her expectations and objectives for participation in the program, and a description of the applicant’s connection to HIV/AIDS in underserved communities.

V. **Cover Letter**: Provide a short cover letter briefly detailing your research as it relates to HIV/AIDS, your methodological expertise (e.g., qualitative, experimental, CBPR, etc.) and your history of research funding (especially federal funding). The cover letter must be in PDF format.

VI. **Curriculum Vitae**: Please provide a PDF of your curriculum vitae.

To apply [Click Here](#)
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