

**HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT PRISMA HEALTH,**

**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY,**

**and the**

**ADDICTION MEDICINE CENTER**



Early Research Career Accelerator Program

**Year 2022-2023**

# Program Description, Goals & Structure

## Overview

*The NIH Accelerator Program is an intensive mentoring program for early career investigators seeking NIH funding. The aim of the program is to strategically position early career investigators from Health Sciences Center (HSC) partner institutions (Clemson University, Prisma Health, Furman University, and UofSC Medical School-Greenville), so that by the end of the program each participant will have a complete and competitive NIH grant application. During this program, mentors and mentees will meet bi-monthly to discuss, present, and provide feedback on sections of each mentee's grant proposal.*

*Applicants should come prepared with a well-developed research question that fits within the aims of the NIH. Applicants are strongly encouraged to first participate in their institution's training workshops or have foundational knowledge for the application process and components of submitting an NIH proposal, as covering these topics are not the primary objectives of this program. For example, Clemson faculty are encouraged to participate in any of Clemson University Office of Research Development's workshops related to proposal development and grant seeking. To learn more about foundational opportunities available through the Clemson University Office of Research Development, please visit <https://www.clemson.edu/research/development/index.html> or email [Shelia Cotton at [scotten@clemson.edu](mailto:scotten@clemson.edu)].*

*Along with completing the online application, applicants should send an updated C/V to Ashley Coleman ([Ashley.coleman@prismahealth.org](mailto:Ashley.coleman@prismahealth.org)) in order to be considered for admission to the program. All applicants will be reviewed based on the strength of their application, mentor team, and proposed research question. For any additional questions about the application process or to learn more about the NIH Accelerator Program, please reach out to Ashley Coleman. **The application deadline is August 29<sup>th</sup>.***

## Structure

*The Early Research Career Accelerator Program is composed of both promising early career investigators as well as established research mentors from Health Sciences Center (HSC) partner institutions. While mentees are expected to have an additional team of mentors, this core group will provide consistent feedback and mentorship throughout the grant application preparation process. All program participants, regardless of their career trajectory or position, are expected to contribute to their peers in meaningful ways. Some mentors are early career but have been chosen as mentors due to their success with K, R, or other grants.*

## Expectations

*The following is a list of expectations for mentees and mentors:*

- *Individuals will attend (at least 80% of) sessions.*

- Individuals will participate fully by preparing materials, engaging in discussions, and providing thoughtful feedback to fellow participants.
- Individuals will share proposal materials with future cohorts of this program, as well as the Clemson ORD Proposal Repository.
- Clemson mentees will employ the [External Review Program](#) to obtain external peer-review of their grant proposal prior to submission.

## **Application Process**

Interested mentees can apply by completing the application here:  
<https://forms.gle/WycZCVnWi7LT1d2a9>

## **Timeline:**

<b><i>Application window opens</i></b>	<i>Friday, August 12, 2022</i>
<b><i>Application windows closes</i></b>	<i>Monday, August 29, 2022</i>
<b><i>Applicants notified of status</i></b>	<i>Friday, September 9, 2022</i>
<b><i>Program schedule notification</i></b>	<i>Friday, September 16, 2022</i>
<b><i>Program begins</i></b>	<i>Week of September 26, 2022</i>