Early Career Investigator Mentorship Program

The Michigan Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (MADRC), funded by the NIH/National Institute on Aging, is pleased to announce openings in its early career investigator mentoring program in the Center’s Research Education Component (REC). This program has two aims. One, providing early career investigators entering the field of dementia research with a broad education about contemporary dementia research. Two, providing early career investigators with mentoring by experienced investigators in developing competitive grant applications. We encourage early career investigators from underrepresented group in STEM to apply.

Please include in your application:
- Concise statement of research interests and career goals, including identification of projected grant application(s). This statement should include a concise description of plans to use a one-time $25,000 (direct costs) MADRC REC grant. This REC grant is jointly funded by the MADRC and NIH/National Institute on Aging. In addition to the $25,000 in direct costs, indirect costs of approximately $2,800 will be provided on the NIA sponsored funds. The program is a two-year program with a projected start date of 7/1/21.
- Curriculum vita
- Letter of reference-support from present primary mentor

[Note: The funding and start date are contingent upon receiving a Notice of Award for continued funding of the NIA P30 Michigan Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center grant.]

Please combine the 3 items above into one PDF. Include your last name, first name and institution (WSU, MSU, U-M, etc) in the filename. (example: Smith, Joan – WSU)

Submit your application to Erin Fox, MADRC REC Coordinator: eefox@med.umich.edu by Friday, May 14, 2021

Eligibility:
Investigators must be from the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, or Wayne State University
- Career commitment to some form of dementia-related research
- Post-doc fellow (advanced status, usually after the 2nd or 3rd year)
- Early career and new investigator status (assistant professor with no R01 or equivalent)
- Plan to submit a grant application within the next 2 years

Use of funds:
The award must underwrite activities advancing the mentee’s career. Examples:
- Data analyses
- Study personnel support
- Acquisition of initial data that is a departure from the applicant’s primary line of research
- Method development
- Equipment purchase
- Imaging or similar services
- For senior post-doc fellows: salary support to defray work on a novel project
- Other uses, if justified appropriately
The program is a two-year program with the following components:

- An online curriculum about contemporary dementia research to introduce mentees to basic features of dementias.
- An individually tailored mentoring committee of experienced investigators to assist mentees with preparation of competitive grant applications.
- Participation in the Career Development Workshop jointly sponsored by the MADRC and the University of Michigan Pepper Center. This workshop takes place in the spring and includes a Mock Study Section and other career development activities.
- Access to Career Development support provided by the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research.
- Mentees receive preferred (not guaranteed) access to MADRC resources, Pilot Grant programs, and travel funds.
- Presentation of research at the annual MADRC symposium and opportunities to present research at national Alzheimer Disease Research Center meetings.

For more information about the program, and to hear from our current mentees on their experience, please visit our website.

Please submit any questions to Erin Fox at eefox@med.umich.edu.