

MENTORING PROGRAM APPLICATION



AMERICAN ACADEMY
OF HEALTH BEHAVIOR

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY SOCIETY OF HEALTH BEHAVIOR SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS



**Mentee Application:
Call for Applicants**



Program Overview

The American Academy of Health Behavior (AAHB) will provide a 12-month mentoring opportunity to a competitive pool of junior-level health behavior researchers. The mission of AAHB is to serve as the “research home” for health behavior scholars and researchers whose primary commitment is to excellence in research and the application of research to practice to improve the public's health.

The purpose of the Research Scholars Mentorship Program is to mentor early career investigators in the production of high-quality scholarly research-based products that address any area of health behavior-related research. Senior investigators from AAHB will be partnered with selected junior investigators to help them develop skills and gain experience in research-related activities. Mentees must be current, paid members of AAHB in good standing at the time of application. Selected applicants will be matched based on content or methods expertise with a senior-level AAHB member whom has a proven research agenda.

The selected mentees will receive a reduced conference registration fee (at the student rate) to attend the 2017 annual meeting. Mentors and mentees selected for participation in the program will be matched by January 16, 2017 and mentee/mentor pairs will be recognized at the AAHB meeting in March, 2017. Details of required activities associated with participation in the 12-month program are highlighted below. The overarching goal of the program is to promote excellence in health behavior research among Academy members. The final, research-based product(s) expected to result from mentoring will be determined by the mentee and mentor collaboratively and with feedback provided by the program leadership.

Mentees Must

- ✓ Be current, paid members of AAHB in good standing at the time of application;
- ✓ Have completed a doctoral level degree in a health behavior discipline;
- ✓ Be able to articulate a health behavior research agenda;
- ✓ Identify one to two senior AAHB members whom would be a good mentor match (program leadership will attempt to recruit them with no guarantees). Members: For a list of AAHB fellows and members, please visit <http://aahb.org> and log on with your username and password. Go to Members Only menu for Membership Directory. Non-members: email Dr. Smith for access to a full list of AAHB members.
- ✓ Produce a final, research-based product with their mentor (examples may include but are not limited to a manuscript, grant proposal, etc.); and
- ✓ Be willing to commit 12-months to the mentor/mentee relationship which will include participation in the following:
 - A teleconference kick-off meeting following mentor-mentee matching
 - Four hours of face-to-face dedicated mentoring time at the next annual AAHB meeting*
 - Developing a mentor/mentee work plan
 - Producing a mid-way progress report
 - Producing a final report (including a copy of the final product) to be submitted to the AAHB Program Development Mentorship committee for review and feedback
 - Keeping the AAHB informed of professional accomplishments via survey participation

* Attendance at the 2018 annual AAHB meeting is also highly encouraged to network and to potentially present your work as a poster.

Interested applicants should email a single PDF file to include the application (below), a current curriculum vitae and a personal statement of interest (maximum of 700 words) by **December 1, 2016** to the Research Scholars Mentorship Program Director, Matthew Lee Smith, PhD, MPH, CHES, FAAHB at health@uga.edu.

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2017 AAHB Research Scholars Mentorship Program

Mentee Name: _____

1. Curriculum Vitae

2. Statement of Interest (please address the role of health behavior in your research, where you are in your career trajectory, what strengths you will bring to the mentoring program, and what you hope to gain from the program) – 700 words maximum

3. Letter of recommendation/support - please provide one letter of recommendation (that speaks to ability, commitment to research and potential for a successful mentoring relationship). Letters should be emailed from the recommender directly to Dr. Smith, health@uga.edu, indicating "RSMP Recommendation (Your Name)" in the subject heading, by November 28, 2016.

Applicants will be matched with mentors who are senior health behavior scholars among the AAHB membership. We will match mentors to mentees based on common research content or methods interests. Although mentors will be recruited through a separate Call for Mentors, applicants are welcome to review the AAHB website (<http://aahb.org>) for the names of fellows and current members, or contact Dr. Smith directly for a complete membership list, to identify mentors who they feel may be a potential match for their needs. We will make every effort to recruit one of these AAHB members to the mentoring program.

Please write in the name of AAHB members with whom you might like to be matched (optional):

Proposed AAHB Member Mentor #1 _____
Proposed AAHB Member Mentor #2 _____

If selected, I am willing to commit to the 12-month mentorship term, and agree to:

- Attend the AAHB meeting in Tucson, AZ from March 19-22, 2017;
- Fulfill milestone deadlines listed on the previous page.

Signature (e-signature accepted) _____ *Date* _____

The following are collected for reporting purposes only and will not be considered as part of the selection process:

Gender: Male Female

Race: Caucasian
 Black or African American
 Asian
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 American Indian/Alaska Native
 Other _____

Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino Not Hispanic/Latino