

Scholar Track Application Research Scholars & Mentorship Program (RSMP)



The American Academy of Health Behavior (AAHB) provides a 12-month scholarship and mentoring opportunity to a competitive pool of health behavior researchers. The purpose of the Research Scholars & Mentorship Program (RSMP) 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.

This application is for the Scholarship Track of the RSMP. This track pairs Academy members wanting to form new research collaborations, expand their productivity, and learn about new fields, topics, and methodological approaches. The overarching goal of the Scholarship Track is to promote excellence in health behavior research among Academy members through collaboration. Paired scholars will generate research-based products and collaborate in various forms of scholarship. The research-based products and/or processes resulting from the RSMP are determined by each pair collaboratively.

Scholars selected for the RSMP will be matched in February/March 2024, and pairs will be recognized at the 2024 and 2025 AAHB meetings. Details about the RSMP can be found [here](#).

Eligibility Criteria

- Be current, paid members of AAHB in good standing at the time of application
 - Previous RSMP participants are welcomed to apply for the Scholarship Track
- Have completed a doctoral level degree in a health behavior discipline

RSMP Expectations

- Identify a Preferred Pair for collaboration. A Scholar can select a Preferred Pair based on their research interests, methodological expertise, existing projects, and/or current roles. Ultimately, pairs are expected to collaborate to expand their scholarship and academic productivity.
 - 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 Matthew Smith or Joanne Sommers for access to a full list of AAHB members.
 - ***It is recommended that Scholars contact their Preferred Pair to determine their interest in the program and solicit agreement to participate in the RSMP together. It is preferred that Scholar Pairs apply together, when possible.***
- Develop research-based products (e.g., grant proposal, manuscript) and engage in academic scholarship activities (at the discretion of the pair)
- Commit 12-months to the relationship, which will include participation in the following:
 - Developing a work plan
 - Producing a mid-year progress report
 - Producing a final report
 - Keeping AAHB informed about professional accomplishments via survey participation

Interested applicants should submit the following information through the [registration link](#) by **February 9, 2024**. Email the RSMP Director, **Matthew Lee Smith** at matthew.smith@tamu.edu, with any questions.

- Scholar Application Form (Form on following page)
- Current Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Statement of Interest (maximum of 500 words)

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Scholar Name: _____

1. Curriculum Vitae (CV). Submit your most current CV in a PDF format.
2. Statement of Interest. Please describe how the RSMP Scholarship Track will help expand/improve your research and enhance your existing networks and collaborations. Statements must be a maximum of 500 words.
3. Preferred Pair. Applicants are asked to identify up to 3 AAHB members with whom they would like to be paired. Preferred Pairs can be at any rank, but are typically Academy Fellows or at the Associate or Full Professor level (or equivalent).
 - a. Applicants are encouraged to contact Preferred Pairs prior to applying. It is preferred that Scholar Pairs apply together, when possible.

Please list 3 AAHB members with whom you might like to be matched:

Preferred Pair #1: _____
• Have you contacted them about the RSMP? _____

Preferred Pair #2: _____
• Have you contacted them about the RSMP? _____

Preferred Pair #3: _____
• Have you contacted them about the RSMP? _____

By submitting this application, and if selected for the RSMP, you are committing to the 12-month term and agreeing to:

- Attend the 2024 and 2025 AAHB meetings (to the best of your ability)
- Fulfill milestone deadlines (listed on the previous page)

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

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino Not Hispanic/Latino

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