

# RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION



AMERICAN ACADEMY  
OF HEALTH BEHAVIOR

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY SOCIETY OF HEALTH BEHAVIOR SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS

☆ **Mentor 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 junior investigators in the production of high-quality scholarly products. Senior investigators (e.g., AAHB Fellows and/or advanced Associate or Full Professors) from AAHB who are current, paid members in good standing at the time of application will be partnered with selected early-career AAHB investigators to help them develop skills and gain experience in conducting research related activities. Mentors will have the opportunity to review and approve of the mentee prior to matching to ensure a successful match. Mentors and mentees selected for participation in the program will be matched by January 16, 2018 and teams will be recognized at the AAHB meeting in March, 2018.

Details of required activities associated with participation in the 12-month research scholars program are highlighted below.

The goal of the program is to promote excellence in health behavior research among the next generation of scholars.

The scholar product(s) expected to result from mentoring will be research-based and determined by the mentee and mentor collaboratively and with feedback provided by the program leadership.

## Mentors Will:

- ✓ Be matched with a junior level current AAHB member with a research interest in health behavior and
- ✓ Produce a final research-based product together with their mentee (manuscript, grant proposal, etc...).

## Mentors Must:

- ✓ Have a research interest in health behavior;
- ✓ Be at least a current Full Member of AAHB (at least 10 refereed, data-based publications);
- ✓ Have a strong track record of mentoring (manuscripts, grants, presentations with previous mentees); and
- ✓ Be willing to commit one full year to the mentor/mentee relationship including:
  - Participation in the mentee selection process
  - Participation in a teleconference kick off meeting following mentor-mentee matching
  - Attendance, including at least 4 hours of face-to-face dedicated mentoring time, at the annual AAHB meeting in Portland, OR from March 4-7, 2018
  - Developing a mentor/mentee work plan
  - Producing a mid-way progress report
  - Producing a final report (including a copy of the final product)
  - Participating in follow-up survey information about the program experience

Interested applicants should email a single PDF file to include the application (next page), a current biosketch, a brief statement of research and a brief statement of your mentoring philosophy by **December 1, 2017** to the Research Scholars Mentorship Program Director, Matthew Lee Smith, PhD, MPH, CHES, FAAHB, FGSA at [matthew.smith@tamhsc.edu](mailto:matthew.smith@tamhsc.edu) and [health@uga.edu](mailto:health@uga.edu).

Mentor Application  
2018 AAHB Research Scholars Mentorship Program

AAHB Mentor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AAHB Membership Status:  Full Member       Fellow  
Member Since (year): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Current biosketch (NIH format or equivalent)
2. Statement of Research Expertise (one page maximum):
3. Statement of Mentoring Philosophy (one page maximum):  
Please describe your mentoring philosophy including your motivation for participating in this program and demonstrated track record of successful mentoring (awards, publications/grants/presentations with mentees etc...)

If selected, I am willing to commit to the one-year mentorship term and agree to all milestone deadlines and related mentoring activities listed on the previous page.

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*Signature (e-signature accepted)*

*Date*