Comparative Effectiveness Research
Training Program
2020-21

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:
The applicant must

• have either an MD or PhD, or equivalent, and hold a mid-to-senior trainee or junior faculty position in a radiology, radiation oncology or nuclear medicine program. International radiologist may also be considered.
• never have been a principal investigator on a CER grant or contract
• have the support of his/her department chair, including release time to complete the online modules, attend the 1.5-day in-person workshop, participate in five web-based modules and a faculty-led grant review, and time to complete homework assignments
• have a research idea matching current CER priorities at a targeted funding agency
• be prepared to discuss and develop the research idea over the course of the program with the aim to submit a proposal to NIH, PCORI, RSNA, ASNR, GERRAF, ARRS, or other equivalent institution by the next cycle deadline
• have a mentor, ideally from his/her institution, who has performed CER and is committed to helping the participant throughout the course of the application process
• agree to attend and participate in all components of the program and submit a CER grant application to an appropriate funding agency by the next cycle deadline

The applicant’s institution agrees to be responsible for air travel, hotel accommodations, and ground transportation for a trip to attend the in-person workshop at the RSNA headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois.

DEPARTMENT CHAIR SUPPORT REQUIRED:

• Guarantee the participant time to attend the 1.5-day in-person workshop
• Provide release time for the participant to complete homework assignments
• Provide time for a mentor for the participant (if from the same department) who is knowledgeable of the participant’s proposed research idea and to provide written input on selected portions of the protocol-in-progress, in particular, the first draft and subsequent iterations of the specific aims.

Application Deadline: August 15, 2020
PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FORM AND SUBMIT AS AN E-MAIL ATTACHMENT TOGETHER WITH:

A. PROJECT ABSTRACT: a concise and realistic statement that includes a description of the significance, objectives, specific aims, hypothesis, and research methodology of the proposed project in the following format:
   - maximum of 2 pages, single-spaced, 0.5” margins, font type Arial or Times New Roman, no smaller than 11 points

B. CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) Include the following:
   - Applicant’s CV (NIH biosketch style, 5-pages)
   - Mentor’s CV (NIH biosketch style, 5-pages) in which the grant record/knowledge of proposed science should be emphasized

C. Any ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, including a mentoring plan, project resources available or prior research and funding, that will help establish the investigator’s competence to pursue the proposed project (maximum of two pages)

D. LETTERS OF SUPPORT (to be submitted, whenever possible, as PDF attachments)
   - A signed letter from the applicant’s department chair confirming the support of the department as outlined above.
   - A signed letter from the applicant’s mentor confirming a commitment to advise throughout the course.

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Title of Proposed Research Project

Name of Department Chair

Dept Chair’s E-mail Address

Name of Applicant’s Mentor

Mentor’s E-mail Address

This form is available online at: RSNA.org/CERT

A copy of the application form and all supporting documents, whenever possible, should be submitted as PDF documents to RSNA staff at: DOR@rsna.org by the August 15th deadline.