

The Rare Diseases Training Program is recruiting for the 2018-2019 academic year. This yearlong program consists of both in-person and remote sessions providing the tools needed for a successful career in Rare Disease Clinical Research. Topics include statistics in small populations, interactions with industry and pharmaceutical companies, grant writing success, working with patient and family groups, career design and planning, and publishing on rare diseases. Participation requires confirmation from the program chair or department chair of a 10% time commitment for focused research effort. In addition, the program requires two 2-day trips to the Washington DC area (the first will be October 3-4, 2018), two 1-hour webinars per month, completion of a mentored research project which culminates in a poster presentation at the Fall 2019 meeting, and approximately 4 hours of projects/reading per month for preparation. Certificates will be awarded to participants completing at least 75% of the program content at or above acceptable levels.

The program also provides 20 competitive participants with \$1,000/year travel reimbursements to attend the two required meetings in the Washington DC area. In the past, some have been last-year fellows and most early career faculty members. Those interested in reimbursed travel funding should apply to the travel group. Up to 12 additional positions are available without travel funding for excellent applicants.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED MARCH 1-JULY 15, 2018. Decisions on acceptance into the program will be made by September 1, 2018. The first in-person meeting will be October 3-4, 2018. Applications should include 1-2 letters from a mentor in a rare disease field of research, a curriculum vitae, a letter describing how this program will benefit the participant to ensure their success in a rare disease research area, and an application form (will be supplied upon submission of other components of application). Applicants from underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply and may choose to include how their background has influenced their work in rare disease research.

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For additional information or to submit an application, please contact the Grant PI, Debra Regier, MD PhD (dregier@childrensnational.org).

2018-2019 Rare Disease Scholars Application

Name:

Current Job Title:

Current Employer/Address:

Best email contact:

Best phone/cell contact:

Best physical address:

Rare disease research field of interest (or RDCRN group):

Short description of research interest (1-2 sentences):

Which program are you applying for?

Reimbursed travel program

Non-reimbursed travel program

Please include me in the reimbursed group and if not awarded, consider my application for the non-reimbursed program

Has your supervisor agreed to allow you 10% research designated time, allow you to travel to the meetings in DC at the beginning and end of your year-long session, and approved twice monthly webinars (either in real time or to be viewed at alternate times)?

Yes

No (please explain a "no" response)

Optional: Are you an applicant from an underrepresented group?

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer question

(In addition to this application, please include your CV and a letter from you supervisor supporting your participation in this program and offering support to cover any cost that exceeds the reimbursed cost of up to \$1000 per funded participant. Please email the completed application to dregier@childrensnational.org. NOTE, an email will be sent once the packet is received).