



SPR Early Career Mentoring Program Call for Applications

1. Program Description: The Society for Prevention Research (SPR) is seeking applicants for a 2-year program to support early career prevention scientists focusing on increasing underrepresented populations in prevention science research. Through this program, early career investigators will receive advanced training on establishing a prevention science research agenda through a preconference grant writing workshop and regular mentor meetings. Scholars will be matched with an SPR mentor(s) who will guide, train, and inspire the early career investigator.

This is a rigorous and competitive program that has the goal of assisting underrepresented early career prevention scientists in advancing their career and increasing external funding success. This is a 2-year program, and it is expected that scholars remain actively engaged for the full length of the program.

2. Program Benefits:

- 1 to 1 match with an SPR mentor
- Mentoring and training in grant writing, including a preconference workshop and Specific Aims page feedback
- 2 years of SPR membership
- 2 years of travel support to SPR meetings, including registration, flights, and accommodations
- Travel support to visit your mentor's lab once during the 2 years
- Virtual professional development sessions

3. Eligibility: Applicants must:

- Have graduated with a doctoral degree by December 2024
- Currently hold an academic faculty position, research position, or post-doctoral fellowship
- Be an Early Stage Investigator according to NIH's definition (i.e., have completed their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, within the past 10 years and have not previously competed successfully as a PI for an R01 (or R01 equivalent award)) with a particular interest in prevention science.
- Be prepared to submit an NIH or NIH equivalent prevention science-focused grant within 18 months of program commencement.
- Applicants from underrepresented backgrounds in the scientific workforce will be given priority consideration (see <https://extramural-diversity.nih.gov/diversity->

[matters/get-the-facts](#)). SPR is also interested in increasing the representation of those who identify as LGBTQ+.

4. Application Procedures: Complete this Google [form](#) application, which requires you to upload your CV and complete short answers about your program interest and career goals. The application also asks to identify potential mentors who are current SPR members with whom you may want to work. You are not expected to reach out to mentors in advance of the program as that process takes place after acceptance into the program. We will also hold office hours to assist with identifying potential mentors: [Feb 5 3-4pm](#), [Feb 11 2:30-3:30pm](#).

5. Deadline to receive applications: February 15, 2025 (midnight PST). Application decisions will be made by April 15, 2025.

6. Questions about the program or application process: Please contact Jennifer Lewis (SPR representative, jenniferlewis@preventionresearch.org), Katrina Debnam (kdebnam@virginia.edu), and/or Kerry Green (greenkm@umd.edu), program Co-Chairs.