Winship Cancer Institute Research Mentorship Award

This award recognizes Winship Cancer Institute faculty who have demonstrated outstanding mentoring in research to trainees or early career faculty during the 2016-2017 academic year. One award will be given in each of the following categories:

- Mentorship of Graduate Student
- Mentorship of Junior Faculty
- Mentorship of Underserved Minority (including racial/ethnic minority and women)

Deadline: Nominations open Monday, August 28, 2017 and will be accepted through Monday, September 25, 2017. Awards will be presented at the Winship Cancer Institute Town Hall by Dr. Curran on Monday, October 30, 2017.

Eligibility: The target candidates are outstanding faculty within the Winship Cancer Institute who are actively engaged in research and mentorship of junior investigators. These junior investigators may be graduate students in the schools of medicine, nursing, public health, or other schools with Winship affiliations, residents, fellows, or junior faculty. Junior Investigators may be local or at a distance.

Nominations: Mentors must have a primary nominator who is a current trainee or faculty mentee in the category of their nomination. A concise, one page (500 words or less) document describing the outstanding mentoring provided by the mentor in the specific category should be included in the nomination. Up to two additional letters (300 words or less) from other current or previous mentees addressing the following mentoring criteria are strongly encouraged.

Persons submitting a nomination for the award should use the following nominee criteria for guidance:

- Develops a supportive environment for research and scholarship.
- Meets regularly with mentees.
- Demonstrates a commitment to mentorship and an established track record for successful mentorship including co-publishing with mentees, serving as the primary mentor for career development awards, including mentees as co-investigators on grants, nominating mentees for awards and committees, establishing a record of mentees entering into research intensive careers, etc.
- Provides instruction on research skills such as preparing presentations, writing manuscripts, and preparing grant applications.
- Is a successful advocate and guide in administrative, organizational, and professional matters for junior investigators.
- Demonstrates personal concern for his/her mentees and supports both his/her personal and professional development.
• Demonstrates leadership skills and professionalism.
• Places an equal or greater emphasis on the professional development of his/her trainees than on self-promotion or advancement.
• Seeks to understand the needs and promote careers of underserved racial/ethnic minorities and/or women.

Submission: email to Jeff Mills jeff.mills@emory.edu and include the documents below:
  • One page nominating letter (500 words or less)
  • Up to two additional letters of support from previous or other current mentees also may be submitted (300 words or less)

Decision: The Winship Faculty and Trainee Development Committee will review all applications and make recommendations to Winship Cancer Institute Executive Director Dr. Walter Curran, Jr.

Award: Recipients of the Winship Cancer Institute Research Mentoring Award will be honored during the annual Winship Town Hall, October 30, 2017 (time to be announced, please HOLD 4-6pm).