

## UAB PCOR K12 Program Requests for Letters of Intent

The Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research and Education (COERE), and the Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center (MHRC) **invite letters of intent for K-Scholar career development awards** in Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR). These awards are supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institutional Award (K12).

This opportunity will **support 3 PCOR K-Scholars for a period of two years** to build capacity for the conduct of PCOR to enhance patient-centered care. The **mission** of the K-Scholars program is to prepare independent investigators to pursue careers focused on translating research evidence into practice and to evaluate the benefits and harms of different strategies and interventions on patient outcomes. For the two years of support, the K12 will provide up to \$90,000 towards salary annually. Selected candidates must commit a minimum of 75% of time to research and career development.

**KEY DATES:** We will be accepting letters of intent for K-Scholar slots until **March 2, 2015**. Those letters deemed meritorious by the selection committee will be invited to submit a full proposal by **May 4, 2015**. Scholars will be selected by **July 1, 2015** with a start date of **August 1, 2015**.

**PROGRAM COMPONENTS:** Mentored Research Training - *Multidisciplinary mentored research training is the backbone of the program and fundamental to successful career development. The program includes a partnership of UAB interdisciplinary research centers from across the UAB campus, offering a large and diverse pool of experienced mentors.*

Didactic Training - *Scholars are strongly encouraged to participate in a combination of courses and seminars to address specific training goals tailored to their background, experience, career objectives and interests.*

Patient/Stakeholder Partnerships – *A unique feature of this opportunity is the requirement to partner with patients and/or stakeholders in the conceptualization and conduct of the research.*

Support for Training Related Expenses - *For each appointed K-Scholar, limited funds are available to support annual research-related expenditures, including but not limited to travel, research staff, and support for primary mentor.*

Training Interdisciplinary, Emerging Research Scholars (TIERS) Seminars – *PCOR K-Scholars are expected to take an active role in the UAB TIERS seminar series, which serves to provide beneficial research information on publications, funding, and career planning for junior investigators.*

**ELIGIBILITY:** Candidates must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or have permanent residency status. Eligible applicants will have earned a clinical or research doctorate, including PhD, ScD, DrPH, MD, DO, DC, ND, DDS, DMD, DNS or equivalent doctoral degree. Candidates must be able to demonstrate a commitment to research training. Candidates must be junior-level, full-time UAB faculty OR be able to provide assurance of a staff appointment on or before August 1, 2015. **Non-UAB candidates are eligible to apply.** **Additional eligibility criteria are included with the full Letter of Intent instruction packet.**

**EVALUATION COMPONENTS:** Applicants will be scored on the following 5 areas: (1) training proposed and how it integrates with and supports the proposed research; (2) mentoring team; (3) impact of the research; (4) involvement of patients/stakeholders; (5) proposal for future funding on completion of the 2-year award.

**CONTACT:** For questions regarding eligibility, program requirements and the selection process or **to request a Letter of Intent instructional packet**, please contact **Ryan Outman** at [routman@uab.edu](mailto:routman@uab.edu).

