

Rush Research Mentoring Program (RRMP)

WHY?

The RRMP was established in 2006 to prepare junior faculty members at Rush University Medical Center and Stroger Hospital of Cook County to lead funded programs of translational research.

WHAT?

The RRMP pairs junior investigators with experienced and dedicated mentors and offers a comprehensive range of resources designed to help secure funding. The program has three translational research tracks: clinical (outcomes, behavioral interventions, decision-making, communication, and patient safety), laboratory/basic science, and population (epidemiology, community-based participatory research).

WHO?

The program is open to all faculty members at Rush University Medical Center and John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County. Residents, fellows, and trainees *may* be admitted to the program if they have accepted an imminent Rush/Stroger faculty appointment. Mentees are nominated and supported by their department chairperson/section heads with the commitment of at least 20% protected research time. In addition, mentees are expected to dedicate an additional 25% of their personal time for research. Mentees must set and achieve annual research goals. The RRMP mentee term limit is 5 years, after which time mentees are expected to become junior mentors.

HOW?

Excellent Mentoring

More than 60 senior faculty members with a wealth of research experience, funding history, teaching excellence, and clinical expertise from both Rush and Stroger actively serve as mentors.

Comprehensive Resources

The program provides a range of resources to mentees, including: statistical analysis, professional grant writing coaching and manuscript editing, graphics and oral presentation consulting, monthly track meetings, weekly mentee writing groups, and regular workshops and seminars on a variety of research-related and grant-writing topics.

END RESULT?

Mentees have been awarded more than \$36 million in external funding as principal investigators (~1/2 were NIH awards) and \$41 million as co-investigators. Mentees have published ~800 manuscripts since joining the program.

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