



SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION RESEARCH

Early Career Prevention Scientists Training Program Call for Applications

1. **Program Description:** The Society for Prevention Research (SPR) is launching a new 2-year program to support early career prevention scientists with a focus 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 summer institute, webinars, and monthly mentor (virtual) meetings. Scholars will be matched with an SPR mentor(s) who will guide, train, and inspire the early career investigator.

In addition to the mentoring and training, program benefits include travel support to the SPR meetings, SPR membership, and travel support to visit the mentor annually.

This is a rigorous and competitive program that has the goal of assisting 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. Scholars should be prepared to submit an NIH or NIH equivalent prevention science focused grant within 18 months of program commencement.

2. **Eligibility:** Applicants should be Early Stage Investigators 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 has not previously competed successfully as a PI for an R01 (or R01 equivalent award) with a particular interest in prevention science. Applicants from underrepresented backgrounds in the scientific workforce will be given priority consideration (see <https://diversity.nih.gov/about-us/population-underrepresented>). SPR is also interested in increasing representation of those who identify as LGBTQ+.
3. **Application Procedures:** Send a single pdf of the following material to jenniferlewis@preventionresearch.org with the email title SPR Training Program Application
 - a. Full curriculum vitae, including a list of any articles under review and all previously submitted grants (including those not funded)
 - b. A letter of application describing interest and eligibility for the program, current and past training, and career and research direction (max 2000 words). Please highlight any previous involvement in SPR.
 - c. Suggestions of up to 3 potential mentors of interest from the SPR membership. While the Task Force will be contacting potential mentors, it would be helpful to know if there are specific mentors with whom an applicant would like to work. There is no need to contact potential mentors at this time. Mentors should be at the Associate or Full Professor level or equivalent for those not in academic positions (e.g. Director) and have a track record of success in obtaining extramural funding and mentoring.

- d. Names and contact information of 2 references who can speak to your research potential and character.
4. **Deadline to receive applications: March 16, 2020 (midnight PST).** Application decisions will be made by April 30, 2020.
5. **Questions about the program or application process:** Please contact Jennifer Lewis (SPR representative, jenniferlewis@preventionresearch.org) and/or Kerry Green (Task Force Chair, greenkm@umd.edu)