

## Deadlines and Milestones of 2-year Mentored Program

Feb 28, 2024	<b>Letter of Intent to Attend Due</b>
Mar 31, 2024	<b>Application Deadline</b>
May 2024 - Jun 2024	<b>Pre-Live Primer Preparation (Home Institution):</b> Self-assessment of Research Project and Updates
Jun 3-7, 2024	<b>Live Primer</b>
Jul 2024 - Oct 2024	<b>Refine Protocol/Proposal (Home Institution)</b>
Oct 2024	<b>Finalize Research Proposal:</b> Poster Presentation of Proposal/Research Idea at ACCP Annual Meeting
Oct 2024 - Apr 2025	<b>Study Design and Statistical Analysis:</b> Data Collection Plans; Regulatory Issues (Home Institution); Develop Data Collection Instrument; Submit IRB
Jan 2025 - Sep 2025	<b>Recruitment, Data Collection, and Data Analyses (Home Institution)</b>
May 2026	<b>Overcoming Challenges:</b> Poster Presentation of Interim Results at ACCP Virtual Poster Symposium
Oct 2025 - Jun 2026	<b>Disseminating Results:</b> Poster Presentation of Study Results at ACCP Annual Meeting; Manuscript Publication

### About the MeRIT Program

MeRIT is a training program designed to assist pharmacists with developing the abilities necessary to conduct investigator-initiated research, either independently as a principal investigator or as an active co-investigator within a research team. The 2-year longitudinal program utilizes a combination of teaching and mentoring methods (live events, webinars, and teleconferences) to provide mentees with the education and support needed throughout the entire research experience, i.e. from idea to publication.

### Mentors

Participants are given the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with mentors that are experienced, funded researchers and educators within academia, practice, and industry. Highly skilled clinical, basic science, and biostatistician researchers are on-site teaching and guiding investigator participants.

### Who Should Apply

Ideal candidates are pharmacy faculty or practitioners with limited research experience who are:

- Committed to incorporating research into their professional careers
- Interested in generating research themes or obtaining preliminary data for larger funding opportunities
- Aspiring to be active principal or co-investigators within a research team
- Able to commit at least 10% effort to research

### When to Apply

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Applications are due March 31, 2024

### More Information

For more information and to download the MeRIT application, go to [www.accpfoundation.org/MeRIT](http://www.accpfoundation.org/MeRIT).

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## Mentored Research Investigator Training MeRIT Program

**June 3-7, 2024**

## University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Pharmacy



### Day 1 - Monday

- 8:00 Welcome & Program Overview
- 8:30 Lecture I: The Research Continuum
- 9:15 Lecture II: Crafting Great Research Questions and Specific Aims
- 10:30 Proposal Development Session I: Evaluating Research Ideas
- 12:15 Lunch Provided by Foundation
- 1:15 Individual Work Time
- 2:30 Proposal Development Session II: Transforming Ideas into Hypotheses & Aims
- 6:00 Team Building Event/Dinner
- Homework: Hypotheses & Aims

### Day 2 - Tuesday

- 8:00 Perspectives From 2nd Year MeRIT Mentees
- 8:30 Lecture III: Team Science & Being a Great Collaborator
- 10:00 Proposal Development Session III: So What? How to Articulate the Impact/Significance
- 11:30 Individual Work Time
- 12:15 Lunch provided by Foundation
- 1:00 Lecture IV: Designing One's Research Career Development Path
- 4:00 Faculty Office Hours  
One-on-one sessions with mentors
- Dinner on Your Own
- Homework: Refine Aims & Draft ½ - 1 Page Background

### Day 3 - Wednesday

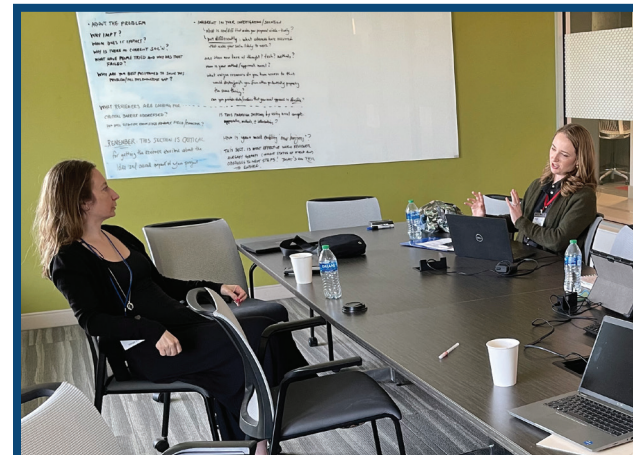
- 8:00 Lecture V: Research Approaches: Nuts and Bolts
- 10:00 Mentor Office Hours  
One-on-one sessions with mentor
- 12:15 Lunch provided by Foundation
- 1:00 Lecture VI: Defining the Analysis Plan When You Write the Proposal
- 2:00 Lecture VII: Using Secondary Data Sources: Possibilities & Pitfalls
- 3:00 Proposal Development Session V: Selecting Outcome Measures & Designing Methods
- Dinner on Your Own; Work on Proposals
- Homework: Clarify Methods & Outcomes: Outline Analysis Plan

### Day 4 - Thursday

- 8:00 Grant Proposal Development Session VI: Articulating Analysis Plan/Alternative Approaches
- 11:00 Individual Work Time
- 12:15 Lunch provided by Foundation
- 1:00 Lecture VIII: The Funding Continuum
- 2:00 Lecture IX: Budget, Budget Justification, & Project Management After the Award
- 3:30 Mentor Office Hours  
One-on-one sessions with mentors
- Dinner on Your Own; Work on Proposals
- Homework: Redraft Proposal; Prepare for Mentors

### Day 5 - Friday

- 8:00 Lecture X: Creating Scholarship Time
- 9:30 Next Steps in the MeRIT Program
- 10:30 Mentor Office Hours  
One-on-one sessions with mentors
- 12:00 Luncheon Reception Provided by ACCP Foundation
- 1:15 Proposal Development Session VII: Wrap Up & Mentoring Plan for Home
- 2:30 Program Conclusion



**There is no better way to get expert mentoring covering everything from a research idea to publication.**