



## Curriculum and Methods of Instruction

The program described on this pamphlet is representative of the typical program. Program flexibility permits refinements based on the annual needs of participants.

### Grant Proposal Development Sessions

During these core activities and through extensive mentoring by the project group, the attendee will dissect every aspect of his or her proposal before the end of the program. These sessions allow the attendee to be actively involved, applying learning to their own proposals based on detailed critiques from experienced, well-funded scientists, and peers.

### Mini-Lectures and Discussions

Experts in the field will lead group discussions as needed on specific topics related to the principles and conduct of high-quality research grant proposals.

### One-on-One Sessions

Mentors will be available for individual advice and guidance on proposal development, mentoring, funding sources, data analysis, career development, and grant writing. Because of limited space, registrants are required to preregister with specific mentors.

### Mentors

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

### About the FIT Program

The FIT Program is an intensive 5-day hands-on program for a limited number of experienced pharmacist investigators who are preparing to submit/re-submit an application for extramural funding as a principal investigator. Through this mentored program, the pharmacist investigator will take steps to maximize competitiveness of their investigator-initiated research grant or career development award application for submission to the NIH or other major funding source.

### FIT Program Success

Funding received by FIT alumni exceeds \$10 million in new grant monies. Attendees have successfully received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), as well as local and national foundations and industries. This program works!

### Who Should Apply

Ideal candidates are mid-career, fellowship-trained, tenure track or research-focused pharmacist members. Others interested are encouraged to call the Foundation to discuss the program and eligibility.

### When to Apply

Letters of intent are due February 28, 2024  
Applications are due March 31, 2024

### Tuition

The registration fee/tuition covers program costs, materials, and ACCP Foundation-sponsored meals.

### More Information

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

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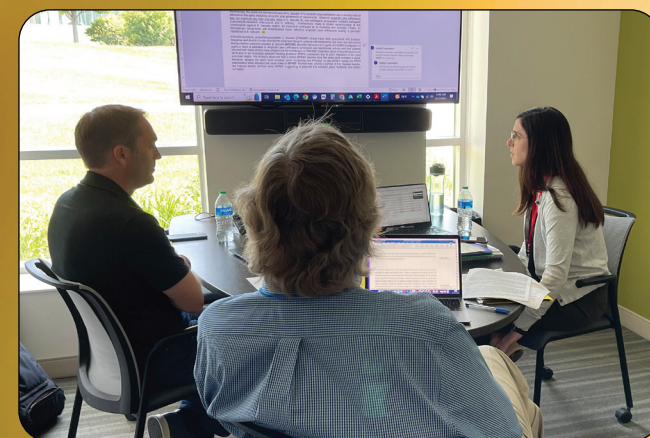
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## Focused Investigator Training FIT Program

June 3-7, 2024

University of Nebraska  
Medical Center  
College of Pharmacy



### Day 1 - Monday

- 8:00 Welcome & Program Overview
  - 8:30 Grant Proposal Development Session I: Introductions and Proposal "Elevator Pitches"
  - 12:15 Lunch provided by Foundation
  - 1:00 Grant Proposal Development Session II: Writing "Killer" Aims
  - 6:00 Team Building Event and Dinner
- Homework: Refine Specific Aims

### Day 2 - Tuesday

- 8:00 Grant Proposal Development Session III: Polishing "Killer" Aims
  - 12:15 Lunch provided by Foundation
  - 1:00 Grant Proposal Development Session IV: Significance & Innovation, Design, Outcomes, and Potential Problems
  - 4:00 Individual Work on Aims and Office Hours
  - 6:00 Revised Aims Due to Mentors
- Dinner on Your Own
- Homework: Refine Significance and Innovation, Design, and Outcomes

### Day 3 - Wednesday

- 8:00 Perspectives from a FIT Alum
  - 8:30 Mock NIH Review Session
  - 12:15 Lunch provided by Foundation
  - 1:00 Faculty Office Hours
- One-on-one sessions with mentors
- Each investigator 1 hour with biostatistician
- Work on Proposals
- Dinner on Your Own

### Day 4 - Thursday

- 8:00 Grant Proposal Development Session V: Data Analysis and Management
  - 12:15 Lunch provided by Foundation
  - 1:00 Budget, Justification of a Responsible Budget, and Project Management
  - 2:30 Work on Proposals
  - 3:30 Mentor Office Hours
- One-on-one sessions with mentor
- Dinner on Your Own; Work on Proposals
- Homework: Refine Budget & Justification

### Day 5 - Friday

- 8:00 Maximize Competitiveness: Title, Abstract, & Narrative
- 8:30 Maximize Competitiveness: Cover Letter & Letters of Support
- 9:00 Maximize Competitiveness: Pre-Submission Review
- 10:00 Grant Proposal Development Session VI: Budget and Maximizing Competitiveness
- 12:00 Luncheon Reception Provided by ACCP Foundation
- 1:15 Grant Proposal Development Session Wrap Up and Plans for After Returning Home
- 2:30 Program Conclusion



*"The focused and protected time to work on my proposal and receive expert/critical feedback on my proposal were instrumental to my receiving funding, and I've not been able to reproduce the same experience outside of the FIT program."*