The NIDA-funded Research in Addiction Medicine Scholars (RAMS) Program will develop skills in addiction research among physicians from Addiction Medicine Foundation-accredited addiction medicine residency programs or addiction psychiatry fellowship programs across the United States.

RAMS will make important contributions to the development of the next generation of addiction medicine physician researchers in order to provide better care for patients with and at risk for substance use disorders.

Objectives

• To select Addiction Medicine or Addiction Psychiatry fellows and provide clinical research training
• To augment institutional mentoring of Addiction Medicine and Addiction Psychiatry fellows in the development and implementation of a research project
• To facilitate the development of a robust research training infrastructure as part of an addiction medicine fellowship
• To build a network of physicians trained in addiction medicine research

Curriculum

RAMS scholars will receive training and guidance at an annual retreat in Boston and at The College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD).

The curriculum covers major advances in the field of clinical addiction medicine research presented through retreat-based didactic and workshop sessions, as well as research-in-progress and content-driven webinars.

Mentoring will be provided by the RAMS Program’s National Advisory Committee (NAC).

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• Explore career opportunities with mentors that incorporate addiction medicine and addiction psychiatry research
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• Actively participate in scholars’ research projects

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Eligibility & Application Requirements

This training is geared toward Addiction Medicine and Addiction Psychiatry fellows who are motivated to incorporate substance use issues into their research methods. Scholar applicants are required to apply with their mentor.

Scholar Candidates Must:
- Be an Addiction Medicine or Addiction Psychiatry fellow in a 1-2 year program with a research component
- Expect to spend a significant amount of time pursuing clinical research during the course of the RAMS program
- Be able to participate in the entire two year program
- Complete a RAMS scholar application, including a personal statement or motivation and goals, brief description of a possible research project, curriculum vitae (CV), letter of nomination from fellowship director, letter of support from a faculty member (mentor) who will support your integration of addiction medicine into the research projects at your institution

Mentor Candidates Must:
- Be a program director or institutional mentor
- Have a fellow who has applied to the RAMS program
- Be able to assist with the advisement, development, and implementation of the research project
- Be able to participate in the entire two year program
- Complete a RAMS mentor application, including a biosketch, and personal statement which describes how participating in the RAMS Program with your scholar will enhance their ability to implement addiction medicine research, including completion of a research project developed through their RAMS participation and how your current faculty position will enable you to add addiction medicine content into the fellowship program curriculum.

Applications: www.bumc.bu.edu/rams

Applications are accepted until September 4, 2018

Program Timeline

Year One | 2018-2019
- Boston retreat - November 26-29, 2018
- Webinars - Winter/Spring/Fall
- The College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) retreat - June 15-20, 2019

Year Two | 2019-2020
- Webinars - Fall/Winter/Spring
- Submit CPDD abstract - December 2019
- Boston retreat - November/December 2019
- Present at CPDD retreat - June 20-24, 2020

Travel & Accommodations

Flight and accommodations for scholars and mentors are covered for the Boston Retreat.

To request reasonable accommodation for a disability please notify Jules Canfield as soon as possible.

Tuition

There is no tuition for both scholars and mentors.

The training is supported by a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

A $300 deposit is required from those accepted to the RAMS Program to secure placement. The deposit will be refunded upon completion of the program.

To find out more about RAMS:

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