

# SRCD Scholar Development Program

The SRCD Scholar Development Program (SDP) aims to bolster opportunities for both research funding and professional leadership among early- to mid-career Black/African American faculty. The program provides a set of targeted mentoring activities addressing academic leadership and NIH research funding.

Recognizing the persistent gap between Black/African American investigators and those from other racial-ethnic groups in federal funding rates, the SDP—now embarking in its second year—focuses on the NIH R01 funding mechanism as a key pathway to prominence in scholarship and leadership. The SDP is one of several SRCD initiatives building on the Society's commitment to diversity as part of its [strategic goals](#).

**Participants in the program will work with a mentor to develop an R01 proposal to one of the programs within the National Institutes of Health. In addition to developing a proposal, scholars will work with mentors on professional development and academic leadership.** The Scholar Development Program will provide constructive networking opportunities that will foster scholars' professional success and open up new opportunities to assume leadership positions.

## 2019 Call for Applications

### **Selection criteria:**

All applicants are required to have a complete draft of an R01 proposal to be eligible for consideration. Selection criteria for participation will include:

- Strength and promise of the proposal draft

- Leadership promise as indexed by engagement in national/international societies and leadership roles within the applicant's institution
- Indicators of scholarly promise including high impact publications and presentations, awards
- Membership in SRCD
- Applicant has not been (co-)PI on a major NIH award (e.g., R01, K-series. R03 and R21 *are* okay.)
- Applicant is of African/African American descent

#### **Deadline:**

We are no longer accepting proposals for the 2019 Scholar Development Program.

#### **Application Materials:**

- Copy of feedback-ready R01 draft proposal (PDF or Microsoft Word)
- Resume or CV (PDF or Microsoft Word)
- 2 letters of support speaking to the candidate's promise and the impact participation would have on their career (PDF only)

#### **If selected, scholars commit to:**

- Participate in virtual mentoring meetings from May 2019 - January 2020
- Attend a two-day grant writing workshop along with mentors in the summer of 2019
- Work with mentors to develop and submit an R01 proposal by March 2020
- Participate in an in-person reunion meeting January 2020.

SRCO will cover all travel expenses.

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**Questions?** Please contact [scholar@srcd.org](mailto:scholar@srcd.org).