REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

CTSI Mentor of the Year and Outstanding Junior Mentor

- Award given to outstanding mentor at the CTSI Annual Poster Session
- $1,500 in discretionary funds awarded and a commemorative plaque awarded to Mentor of the Year (rank of associate professor or professor)
- Honorable mention, $500 in discretionary funds and commemorative plaque also awarded to an outstanding junior mentor (rank of assistant professor)
- Nomination and supporting letters due **July 31, 2020**

Eligibility

Mentor for any current or past CTSI-Ed Scholar including:
Pathways to Research Program (PReP, formerly URP), Advanced Pathways to Research Program (A-PReP, formerly ARP), Translational Research Development Program (TRDP, formerly F&T), TL1 Program, Pre-K Career Development Program, KL2 Scholars Career Development Program, K-R01 Transition to Independence Program

Award Criteria

1) **Assistance and guidance in research**
   - Direction and guidance in research
   - Help in developing papers, grants, and presentations
   - Identifies and plans to improve needed skills
   - Provides a positive, energizing and productive research environment

2) **Interpersonal and motivational skills**
   - Available and approachable
   - Positive role model as scientist and individual
   - Maintains and communicates high ethical standards
   - Provides personal support, as appropriate

3) **Promotion of career development**
   - Provides excellent professional guidance
   - Provides informed advice about career development, including job negotiations, etc. (if relevant)
   - Prepares trainees for interviews and future career opportunities
   - Introduces trainees to other scientists and leaders in the field
   - Sponsor and advocate for trainees in professional community

4) Contribution to CTSI

- Number of CTSI scholars mentored
- Participation in CTSI-Ed activities, such as poster sessions, presentations and lectures

5) Mentor Training Record and NIH Biosketch

Mentor training record for past 10 (or more) years including each mentee's*:
training project, program degrees, funding during training, subsequent career pathway including current position

**Both the quality and quantity of the training outcomes will be evaluated. Mentors are not required to have a long (10 year) training record. A training record template will be provided to nominated mentors.*

Nomination Process

1. Nomination Letter

   Current and/or past CTSI-Ed Scholars (including PReP/URP, A-PReP/ARP, TL1, TRDP/F&T, Pre-K, KL2, and K to R), may nominate a single faculty member by submitting a nomination letter. Ideally, the nomination letter will address each of the first three award criteria.

2. Supporting Letters

   Two additional supporting letters – one from a current or former trainee AND one from a faculty colleague (not required to be at the University of Minnesota) also must be submitted. Two additional supporting letters may be included. Total number of supporting letters is limited to four. Supporting letters may be submitted separately.

   Submit primary and supporting nomination letters to: http://z.umn.edu/mentoraward

3. Nominated mentors will be contacted by CTSI-Ed with instructions to submit their Training Record and current NIH Biosketch by August 21. A training record template will be provided.

Evaluation

A CTSI-constituted committee chaired by Drs. Esam El-Fakahany and Anne Marie Weber-Main will review the nominations and select the awardee.

Notification

The Mentor of the Year will be announced at the 2020 CTSI Annual Poster Session awards ceremony. Date to be announced.

Questions

Contact **ctsieduc@umn.edu** or go to **http://z.umn.edu/ctsimoy** for more information.