The DOCS Program is designed to facilitate the transition of early career clinician faculty members into independent, funded researchers by providing a combination of paid clinical release time and scholarly mentoring. DOCS scholars are expected to develop the skills to become independent, funded investigators who will advance science and serve as role models and mentors to other investigators.

**Who is Eligible?** DOCS funding is intended to support faculty members at the Assistant Professor level who are within 3 years of initial appointment at SSOM.

Applicant Name:

Mentor Name:

Personal statement describing academic career goals (500 words):

Faculty Development Plan: The plan should include a timeline that details the plan for acquiring necessary research skills, obtaining and presenting preliminary data, and applying for extramural support.

Research Plan: An abbreviated (6 page maximum) grant application in NIH, AHA, ACS, etc. format that describes the identified research project.

**Application Checklist:**

Applicant:
- DOCS Application
- Complete CV
- Biosketch (NIH style)

Mentor:
- Letter of Support
- Biosketch (NIH style)

Chair:
- Letter of support
- Block diagram of effort allocation