

A Chicago Center for Excellence in Learning Health Systems Research Training (ACCELERAT) is a new, potential institutional K12 training opportunity available for faculty at Northwestern and its affiliated institutions, including collaborating health care organizations in the Chicago area. Although we do not have a notice of award yet, the granting agency (AHRQ) has shared our score which appears to be highly competitive. In anticipation of receiving this award, we are now accepting letters of intent from interested applicants, with the possibility of starting in late summer, 2018. This program is designed to support the early research career development of junior faculty who will be engaged in advancing patient centered outcomes research (PCOR) within learning health systems and who will facilitate rapid implementation of evidence into those systems to improve the quality and outcomes of care.

Individuals are eligible if they are:

- Faculty and/or Healthcare Professionals with a demonstrated commitment to a career in clinical research including (a) previous research training in clinical research (e.g. PhD, MD with clinical research master's degree or research fellowship); (b) high caliber scholarship and scientific productivity and (c) a history of academic distinction
- Faculty and/or Healthcare Professionals who are pursuing a clinical research career and who wish to acquire additional mentored research experience in comparative effectiveness and patient-centered outcomes research
- US citizens or have permanent resident status
- Have a full time faculty appointment at a Chicago-area NU or other Health System, including collaborating health care organizations in the Chicago area, such as those in the Chicago Area Patient Centered Outcomes Research Network (CAPriCORN) as of 8/1/18.
- Have a clinical or research doctoral degree
- Women, minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply

Individuals are not eligible if they:

- Have a federal individual "K" or R01 grant
- Have a non-federal application pending or funded for research grant or contract with more than \$100,000 in direct costs per year
- Have been funded on any other federally funded institutional K12/KL2 or an individual K award (Note: "F" Grants, R03, or R21 grantees are eligible)

APPLICATION PROCESS

There is a two stage application process. Interested individuals should submit a letter of intent (LOI) by July 16th, 2018 which will be reviewed by the ACCELERAT Executive Committee. Candidates will be selected based on the fit of the LOI with the goals of the ACCELERAT career development program.

- **Letter of Intent Due: July 16th, 2018**
- Notification of invitation to apply: July 23rd, 2018
- Application due date (submission via NUCATS NITRO): TBD (likely August 24th, 2018)
- Award notification date: pending AHRQ award (expected September 2018)
- Start date: TBD, pending award

Guidelines for Letter of Intent (2 page maximum): Due July 16th, 2018

- Project title
- Brief description of candidate background/ qualifications/fit with the K12 goals, including why the candidate seeks to become a learning health systems researcher.
- Research plan that identifies a focus including operating within a learning health system
- Training plan outline
- 2-3 potential mentors
- Updated CV
- **Submit to: amy.sparling@northwestern.edu**

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