

VUMC Limited Submission Opportunity

NIH Advancing Research Careers (ARC) Institutionally-Focused Research Education Award to Promote Diversity (UE5 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Internal Applications due November 7, 2024

VUMC: These instructions are for VUMC investigators. VU investigators should apply through [InfoReady](#) and address any questions to VU-LSO@vanderbilt.edu.

VUMC may submit **one application** to the [NIH Advancing Research Careers \(ARC\) Institutionally-Focused Research Education Award to Promote Diversity](#) program. The NIH Research Education Program supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this ARC UE5 program is to support educational activities that encourage individuals from diverse backgrounds, for example those from groups underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences (see [Notice of NIH's Interest in Diversity](#)), to pursue further studies or careers in research.

To accomplish the stated over-arching goal, this NOFO will support educational activities with a primary focus on:

- ***Courses for Skills Development***
- ***Mentoring Activities***

Applications are encouraged from organizations that have:

- Experience enhancing scientific communication and networking among early-career biomedical researchers;
- An established record of providing professional development and networking activities for future biomedical researchers; and
- A demonstrated commitment to enhancing the diversity of the biomedical research workforce.

The program provides support for well-designed courses for skills development and mentoring activities to prepare cohorts of ARC predoctoral F99 fellows and K00 postdoctoral scholars to transition into and succeed in mentored postdoctoral research, positioning them to advance in impactful careers in the biomedical research workforce that typically require postdoctoral training (e.g., academic research and teaching at a range of institution types, industry or government research).

Recipient organizations must provide career development and mentoring activities aligned with and appropriate for the disciplinary backgrounds and career goals of scholars supported through the ARC F99/K00 program.

See the [program announcement](#) for full program details.

Internal Application Process:

Anyone interested in being considered to submit VUMC's proposal must submit the following (in a single PDF) to LSO@vanderbilt.edu by **5 p.m. on November 7, 2024:**

1. Brief (2-page maximum) research plan including summary budget;
2. Statement of support from department chair/center director;
3. NIH Biosketch

Any questions about this opportunity or the LSO process may be directed to LSO@vanderbilt.edu.