

COALESCE RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

The Collaborative Research, Implementation, and Leadership Training to Address Chronic Conditions across the Life Course (COALESCE) is a highly competitive program that connects promising early career scientists with mentors and training opportunities to engage in designing public health studies, programs, and policies to address chronic diseases across the life course. Participants in the research scholars program will develop research and leadership skills to contribute to the design and evaluation of public health studies, programs, and policies to address chronic diseases across the life course.

This form IS NOT a letter of recommendation; it serves to ensure that department heads and supervisors are aware of the time commitment involved in the program and that they agree in advance to support the applicant's participation if selected.

RE: COALESCE Applicant (name):

Time Commitment:

Trainees selected to participate may remain in their current positions while participating in the program. Trainees will be required to dedicate at least 30 hours per week to program research projects and deliverables. The COALESCE program contributes a stipend to support this protected research time. In order to participate in this program, trainees are required to attend the activities below during the training year(s). **The participant will require time off from regular work to participate in some of these activities; time required may vary from month to month.**

- Attend a two month research training program at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia USA (29 August - 24 October 2020);
- Develop and lead a research project with the guidance of a mentor team (November 2020 - February 2022). This project most likely will be related to a work project and of direct benefit to the applicant's home organization; and
- Participate in a one week short-course on implementation science and leadership development with government, clinical, and other public health professional partners (TBD).

Benefit to the Organization:

If this applicant is selected to participate in the program, he/she will gain the following:

- Research and leadership skills to contribute to the design and evaluation of public health studies, programs, and policies;
- Experience planning and implementing an independent research project under the guidance of an expert mentor; and
- Access to a network of public health leaders from prominent global health agencies and institutions.

Dear COALESCE Selection Committee:

The above-mentioned member of my institution has applied to participate in the COALESCE program. This document serves to indicate that I agree in advance for the candidate to participate, and I understand the time commitment required of the applicant and the potential benefits to our organization if the applicant is selected to participate in the program.

By entering my name below, I acknowledge that I understand the time commitment and the potential benefit to our institution if this applicant is selected to participate in this program, and agree to support him/her in this endeavor.

Department Head/Supervisor Name

Position

E-mail address

Date
