

Raegan Durant, MD, Research Award

DEADLINE:

5 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 2025

[**APPLY NOW**](#)

The Department of Medicine (DOM) and the DREAM Council recognize that wide-ranging perspectives and life experiences among investigators promote inclusivity in research and, ultimately, clinical care. Groups that have been historically disadvantaged in research and medicine face ongoing and amplified structural and systemic barriers to success.

We, therefore, seek to promote and provide flexible support for historically disadvantaged faculty/staff in medicine who are considering or pursuing a research career. Additionally, we seek to increase DOM mentors' skills in supporting historically disadvantaged individuals pursuing research careers.

FUNDING

- \$10,000 awarded for one year
- Merit-based flexible funding to trainees/early faculty with plans of a research career to support their success
- The budget can support funds for pilot data collection, supplies, coursework, and writing
- Trainee or mentee salary should be excluded

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT COMPONENTS

Applicants and awardees are encouraged to enroll in the [DRIVEN Program](#) for additional mentorship, sponsorship, and community opportunities. DREAM Council will support the primary mentors of the awardees in completing training related to mentoring trainees who are historically disadvantaged, such as CCTS mentoring workshops.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Historically Disadvantaged Faculty or Staff
- Pursuing a research career with a confirmed mentor in DOM
- Post-MD, PhD, or MD/PhD with a training appointment (e.g., fellow, resident, postdoc) or early faculty appointment with no R-level NIH grant funding to date

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Letter of Intent/Personal Statement (max one page, 11pt font, 1.5 line space, 1 in. margins)
- Curriculum Vitae in [UAB HSOM Format](#)
- Letter of Support from mentor (include cost share if needed)
- Budget & Budget Justification (how support will help trainee success)