

ASH Minority Resident Hematology Award Program Application General Principles for the Prospective Mentor

A. Program overview

The American Society of Hematology (ASH) created the Minority Recruitment Initiative (MRI) in 2003 to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in hematology. The Minority Resident Hematology Award Program (MRHAP) was introduced in 2016 by the Committee on Promoting Diversity to serve as a new program component of the MRI. The MRHAP was designed to provide support for underrepresented minority residents in medicine who are currently in an internal medicine, pathology, or pediatric residency program to conduct hematology focused research. This program was crafted with the alumni of the Minority Medical Student Award Program (MMSAP) in mind as a 'next-step' in the MRI's longitudinal pathway. Applicants who did not participate in the MMSAP program but are in an ACGME or RCPSC-approved residency program in the United States or Canada are eligible as well as residents in an ACGME or RCPSC-approved residency program in the United States or Canada who have already matched into a hematology-oncology fellowship program will be considered for this award program. The intended outcome is increasing interest in hematology research and choice of fellowship.

The MHRAP requires that the applicant develop a research proposal with their proposed mentor. The application process is competitive and applications are reviewed by members of ASH's Committee on Promoting Diversity. Awards are given to the highest scoring applicants. MRHAP awardees will present the results of their projects in person at the ASH Annual Meeting & Exposition in the December that follows the completion of their research project. Attendance at the ASH Annual Meeting & Exposition provides award recipients with outstanding opportunities for networking with national and international leaders in the field of hematology.

B. Connecting with potential mentees

As a potential mentor in the MRHAP, it is important in this competitive application process that reviewers get a strong sense that you and your prospective mentee have directly connected with each other, either in person or by phone, and that you have had follow-up discussions of the proposed research project. Your involvement is critical in both helping the

If the project involves a clinical trial, biospecimens, or other activities that require IRB approval or approval by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee or similar regulatory body, it is important that the approvals be obtained in advance of the start date of the project. The date of approval needs to be clearly indicated in the application. In addition to helping the applicant develop their research project and supervising them in the lab, you will be expected to guide them in preparing their oral presentation to be delivered at the American Society of Hematology annual meeting in the December that follows the completion of their research project. The presentation year will be selected by the applicant at the time of the application.

C. Assisting the Applicant in Development of Their Proposal – what criteria do the

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