

C-STAR Collaborative Mentorship Career Development Funding



Candidate Guide

Who Is Eligible?

- Early-career rehabilitation researchers who are seeking mentoring from senior scientists and clinicians.
- As defined by NIH, *early career researchers are about to transition - or have recently moved - to fully independent positions as investigators, faculty members, clinician scientists, or scientific team leaders in industry.* [NIH reference cite](#)
- Funding for up to ~20% salary effort/protected time will be included for direct mentoring, virtual meetings, on-line webinars/workshops, and site visits to Shirley Ryan AbilityLab.

Why is this valuable?

- Goals include gaining research skills by collaborating with interdisciplinary team members to learn clinical trial and pilot study development, enhanced understanding of the use of sensors and technology, as well as measurement of outcomes in rehabilitation research. Additional mentorship provided on grant writing and submission will allow our mentees to achieve the objective of developing their own studies and apply for extramural funding.

What Is Required?

- NIH style bio sketch
- Research statement to answer the following questions:
 - What are your research interests and how do they align with C-STAR, particularly in use of technology to assess outcomes in rehabilitation research?
 - Have you developed specific aims for a project? If so, please provide example of your work. Please also describe the areas of significance, innovation, and approach.
 - What is the stage of your research career?
 - What funding mechanisms and agencies interest you in future grant applications?
- Mentoring statement
 - What are your career development needs that C-STAR and Shirley Ryan Ability Lab can address?
 - Identify 3 potential mentors from C-STAR's scientists [C-STAR personnel](#)