**SCHOLARS EXPECTATIONS**

The NIH/NIGMS-IMSD PEER traineeship is designed to support students during the first two years of their doctoral studies at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Please share this document with your research mentors.

The benefits and expectations of this funding opportunity are the Scholars will:

* Complete the NIH x-Train appointment form prior to the August 31st deadline.
* Register and devote themselves to full-time graduate study, research, and/or dissertation writing.
* Maintain good academic standing and make satisfactory academic progress according to the standards and practices of UTK. Scholars awarded a PEER traineeship are expected to advance to candidacy during their third year.
* All PEER funded Scholars must register each semester (while funded) for the 1-credit PEER discourse meeting (BCMB 610) which is offered from 3:40 – 5:00 p.m. each Thursday.
* All PEER funded students must complete the online Responsible Conduct of Research online training course Yr-1 and a face-2-face bioethics course (BCMB 610) Year-2 of their graduate study program.
* Communicate with the PEER administrator on your status and progress throughout your doctoral studies. Provide a progress report (provided through PEER) each semester. Engage in a once a year consultation with the PEER administrator and Director to examine progress.
* Inform the PEER administrators of changes in status, such as receiving financial awards, change in residency status, withdrawal from graduate study, leave of absence, advancement to candidacy, change in degree objective, or graduation.
* Keep your profile and contact information current by updating your information in the student information database (SIDb) even after exiting from the University.
* Inform PEER administrators of all publications and presentations during the 2-year award period and acknowledge the support of NIH/NIGMS-IMSD grant #R25GM086761.
* Support and participate in all PEER hosted activities including orientation, survey evaluations, discourse meetings, mentoring, seminar, symposium, workshops, and social events…
* Utilize the support systems (e.g. PEER Mentoring Team...) provided through PEER as needed. Give back by participating in both the PEER-2-peer mentoring and PEER-Out programs.
* Develop an Individual Development Plan. Establish a plan to submit at least one pre-doctoral fellowship application.
* Attend at least one scientific conference per year. Funds are available through PEER.
* The success of PEER is contingent upon your participation and continued support of PEER initiatives.