

Public Health Grants Mentoring Program



Overview

The Institute of Public and Preventive Health (IPPH), part of the School of Public Health, offers a Grants Mentoring Program (GMP) to prepare participants to compete successfully for extramural funding. We welcome applications from Augusta University faculty members of any rank whose research interests broadly



align with public health. Applicants should not have previously received significant extramural research support as Principal Investigator. The 2-year program provides a flexible schedule to allow a systematic training experience that includes workshops, seminars, and staged guidance on proposal preparation. Periodic reports and presentations track participant progress through program milestones. Successful completion of the program requires submitting an extramural grant through IPPH by the end of the program.

Resources Provided by IPPH

In Year 1: Seminars and Workshops - IPPH will coordinate activities ranging from group sessions and informal network opportunities to individualized feedback on grant concepts and responding to grant reviews.

If Accepted to Continue in Year 2:

- 1. **External & Editorial Review -** IPPH will provide an external review of grant proposals submitted through this program prior to grant submission.
- 2. **Pre-Award and Post-Award Services -** for (a) identifying funding opportunities, (b) budgeting, (c) grant proposal coordination, (d) submission, and (e) Post Award grant management for proposals developed through this program.
- 3. **Research or Travel Support** funds available up to \$2,000 to support preliminary data collection and/or analysis for grant proposals or conference travel related to grant goals.
- **4.** Funded Writing Retreat in Greenville, SC mentees accepted to Year 2 will be invited to attend a 3-day writing retreat with up to 18 hours of writing time and additional opportunity to meet with a mentor.



Application Process

Interested faculty members should submit a single pdf packet as an attachment **by June 1, 2025** which includes:

- 1. One page statement of interest from applicant detailing why you are interested in this program and your primary research agenda.
- 2. Curriculum Vitae (please include any grants submitted or awarded, if applicable)
- 3. Letter of support from Department Chair

Selection Process

Participants are selected in two stages. In Stage 1 (application due June 2025), interested faculty will be invited to attend Year 1 group sessions running from September 2025-March 2026. In Stage 1, all applicants are accepted if they provide evidence of interest, a CV, and a letter of support from Department Chair. In Stage 2 (application due Jan/Feb 2026), faculty who attended and actively participated in Year 1 sessions, and who have a public health focus of inquiry, are encouraged to submit a 1-page Specific Aims statement and identified funder for continuation activities. If accepted to Stage 2, mentees will be invited to attend a grant mentoring writing retreat in May 2026 and participate in Year 2 feedback and individualized mentoring (Fall 2026-Spring 2027). In Stage 2, applicants are accepted to continue based on attendance and articulated plan for extramural funding.



To apply and submit your pdf packet, email: <u>Applica.rwigkmlk62gf2jte@u.box.com</u> For more information, see our website: