



New Environmental Health Sciences (EHS) Innovator Initiative

Background/Purpose

The UNC Center for Environmental Health and Susceptibility's (CEHS) New EHS Innovator Initiative is an intentional effort to create career development and mentoring opportunities to strengthen the environmental sciences workforce. It is hoped that this award will help recruit and train the next generation of environmental health scientists. Annually, one (1) New EHS Innovator will be chosen and will receive financial support and direct mentoring from the CEHS leadership team to promote the development of scientific and leadership skills.

Eligibility

Early to early-mid career faculty (Assistant Professors and Associate Professors in the first 5 years at that rank), including fixed-term and tenure track faculty, in the field of environmental exposure research are eligible to participate. Non-faculty community partners engaged in significant environmental exposure research may also be considered eligible, after consultation with CEHS leadership.

Benefits

1. One year of funding for career development in the field of environmental exposure research, award amount up to \$10,000. *Allowable expenses may include faculty support (i.e., protected time for career development activities), pilot projects, and travel to meetings or courses with relevance to career development.*
2. Opportunity to work with highly accomplished faculty and develop a customized career development plan.
3. Opportunity to provide leadership in one or more projects.

Expectations

Chosen applicants will:

- Develop a one page 12-month career and competency development plan
- Develop a budget for their available career development funds
- Organize a CEHS visiting scholar seminar in their area of interest

Selection

Eligible faculty can apply through an annual New EHS Innovator award application process. The CEHS Internal Advisory Committee will review all applications received and will prepare a recommendation to the Center's Director, who will make the final selection. A plan to use of the New EHS Innovator award to support development of federal grant proposals will be viewed positively by the review committee, as will supporting letters from established NIH-funded investigators who are mentors or collaborators for the applicant.

Apply

Apply here. https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bwGcztx6ZZXW4u

Applications will be accepted through January 31, 2024 with awards beginning March 1, 2024