The FRED Program is a year-long program offered by the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) to promote grant funding success of junior faculty and senior postdocs. The program is committed to recruiting students from backgrounds underrepresented in STEM to the field of cell biology.

The program will accept a limited number of young scientists who will work with more experienced funded senior faculty at a research intensive institution for a year-long structured mentoring and training relationship focused on successful preparation and submission of a research or educational grant.

The goal of the FRED program is to provide junior faculty and senior postdoctoral scientist with:
- A well-funded mentor
- Grant writing and submission training
- A successful network

Travel funds and support will be provided for participation of junior faculty and their mentors in the following activities:

- Attendance at the Career Development Workshop held July 12-15, 2019 in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Preparation and submission of a grant to the NSF, NIH, or other comparable funding agency (Under the guidance and mentorship of the mentor)
- Monthly communication and feedback on grant proposal
- Visitation to each other’s institution to present and work on grant proposal
- Attendance at the 2019 ASCB/EMBO Meeting held December 7-11 in Washington, DC to participate in the mock study section to obtain feedback on the grant proposal (Mandatory participation in the mock study section: one four-hour session during the conference).

To apply and obtain more information: www.ascb.org/fred-home/
Applicant Eligibility

- You must be or become a member of the American Society for Cell Biology if accepted to the program.
- Be a senior postdoctoral scientist about to launch into your own independent position or an untenured junior faculty member who has been in your current positions for five years or less.
- Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident.
- Mentor must become a member of the American Society for Cell Biology.
- Priority given to underrepresented minority faculty and faculty at minority serving institutions. Faculty at other institutions with high underrepresented minority enrollment or a strong commitment to underrepresented students in the field of cell biology are also encouraged to apply.

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