ACNP Mentorship

One of the benefits for young investigators attending the Annual Meeting has been the availability of mentors to connect with them, to serve as friendly guides throughout the meeting, and to introduce them to senior scientists in their field of research. The College began formally arranging for mentors for our travel awardees decades ago and that mentoring program has continued to be very successful, as judged by the feedback we have received from awardees over the years.

During the past several years, we have ambitiously expanded our mentoring efforts. We now offer mentors not only to our current travel awardees, but also to additional trainees. This expanded mentorship program is the result of a collaboration among Council, the Education and Training Committee, the Experience & Resilience Committee, the Empowerment Committee, and the Career Development Committee. Our goal is to make sure that every mentee that requests a mentor gets a mentor. As we work to make a good program even better, we hope that you will volunteer to offer your services as a mentor during the call for mentors in the fall of 2026.

This deep commitment to mentoring the next generation of young scientists has always been one of the defining pillars of ACNP membership. If you have never volunteered as a mentor, take it from past mentors--it will likely be as rewarding an experience for you as it is for your mentee. I have participated almost every year that I have been a member of ACNP, and it is one of the most rewarding aspects of the meeting for me. So please volunteer and continue to support this very important program.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting in January.

**Please only volunteer to mentor if you are attending the January 2027 Annual Meeting in-person.*



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