



# **UAB Healthcare Educators Academy**

## ***CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP***

The UAB Healthcare Educators Academy is accepting applications for membership in its inaugural 2019-2021 class. The mission of the Academy is to advance the development of faculty in the health professions throughout UAB by:

- Creating a community of leaders in education through mentorship
- Fostering a culture of excellence in teaching to advance the careers of educators in medicine and science
- Developing innovative resources used across disciplines to help educators become more effective teachers
- Creating an environment that fosters a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach to research and scholarly activity

The Academy will be composed of a Steering Committee, faculty mentors, and 12 mentees from various schools and departments throughout UAB. This application is for potential mentees, who will serve a 2-year term, from Sept 1, 2019 until August 30, 2021. Mentors will be selected based on the needs of mentees.

### **Academy mentees will:**

- Be paired with a mentor who is a senior faculty member with expertise in their chosen focus area
- Participate in quarterly faculty development workshops and be recognized at the opening ceremony. The Academy is only as strong as its membership. We rely heavily on active participation of its member faculty to help prioritize, design, and implement our programs.
- Develop an engaging and innovative educational activity or scholarly product to be presented at an appropriate venue
- Receive a stipend of \$2,000 to support mentee participation in the program. Stipends will be paid in two equal installments, at the beginning of each year of the two-year term.
- Have the opportunity to apply for additional funding to support ongoing faculty development in education

### **Mandatory Academy Meetings for Year 1:**

- i. Opening Ceremony- Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:30-7PM
- ii. Meeting 1- Friday, September 27th 2019 1-5 PM
- iii. Meeting 2- Friday, January 31st 2020 1-5 PM
- iv. Meeting 3- Friday, April 24th 2020 1-5 PM
- v. Meeting 4- Friday, July 31st 2020 1-5 PM
- vi. Meetings 5-8 dates TBD

**Criteria for Academy mentees:**

- Teaching faculty who display a passion for teaching and an ambition to be a leader in health-related education.
- Faculty member at UAB for greater than one year
- Currently at the Assistant or early Associate Professor level
- Able to commit the time to fully participate in all Academy activities

**Selection Process:**

Each participating unit may nominate up to three candidates for membership and one will be accepted. Applications will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and decisions will be announced by July 31, 2019. Once accepted, Academy Members will be required to serve for a two-year, renewable term with required quarterly meetings.

**How to nominate faculty for the UAB Healthcare Educators Academy:**

Submit a letter of intent written by the nominee, their CV, and a letter of support from their Dean or Department Chair. Nomination packages can be compiled and submitted together or submitted separately for your convenience. The Dean or Chair's letter should include a commitment to protect the mentees time to allow full participation in Academy activities.

**Please submit application materials to Claire Finney, Program Manager at [clairefinney@uab.edu](mailto:clairefinney@uab.edu) no later than 5:00PM on July 1, 2019.**

**Letter of Intent should be 1-2 pages (single spaced, 12-point font) and include:**

- Reasons for interest in joining the Academy
- Description of current strengths and weaknesses as an educator, with specific goals for professional development as an educator (if chosen for the Academy, your mentor will be selected based on your response)
- Description of teaching experience
- Description of previous experience participating in professional development activities

**If you have any questions, please email Claire Finney, Program Manager at [clairefinney@uab.edu](mailto:clairefinney@uab.edu) or call at 205-934-9212.**