

MEDICAL SCHOLAR RESEARCH PATHWAY PROGRAM

PEERS Mentorship Program

The Office of Medical Research Education at Texas A&M University College of Medicine (COM) sponsors PEERS, a medical student to student peer mentoring program, that pairs medical students interested in academic medicine with fellow MSRPP peer mentors to promote life-long learning skills and share helpful advice on how to advance in understanding biomedical research.

The PEERS program is designed to make both students better academic medical researchers and it is well suited for medical students that envision a future in personalized medical practices, as 21st century physicians.

PEERS directly connects COM medical students over an academic year to talk about their personal insights on how MSRPP research pathways have contributed to their own understanding of biomedical research. Also, students will likely discover how effective communication, with both public and professional audiences, is key to advance their research and form collaborative interprofessional

What practical advice can I get out of a Peer Mentorship?

- Research planning strategies and priorities
- Data collection and responsibilities
- Data analysis tools
- Oral presentations for professional audiences
- Research presentations for patient groups
- Tips to help your research mentor complete their Institutional Review Board (IRB) applications for clinical research pathways
- Preparation of research articles for publication
- Responding to reviewer reports



Figure 1. Britany McCune, Courtney Dodge, Angela Hatfield, and Rutaa Desai at 2020 Medical Research Colloquium

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How does the program work?

- All peer mentors and mentees are current TAMU COM medical students
- Pairs will consist of one mentor and one mentee from different class years.
- Dr. Conover (Director of the Office of Medical Student Research Education) will pair mentors and mentees for an academic year
- Pairing will be decided based on survey responses, research interests, and career aspirations.
- Pairs will meet virtually or in person at least once a month
- Mentors will fill out a form to record the topics of each meeting
- Mentors will meet with Dr. Conover individually at the end of the semester to recap their and their mentee's experience as well

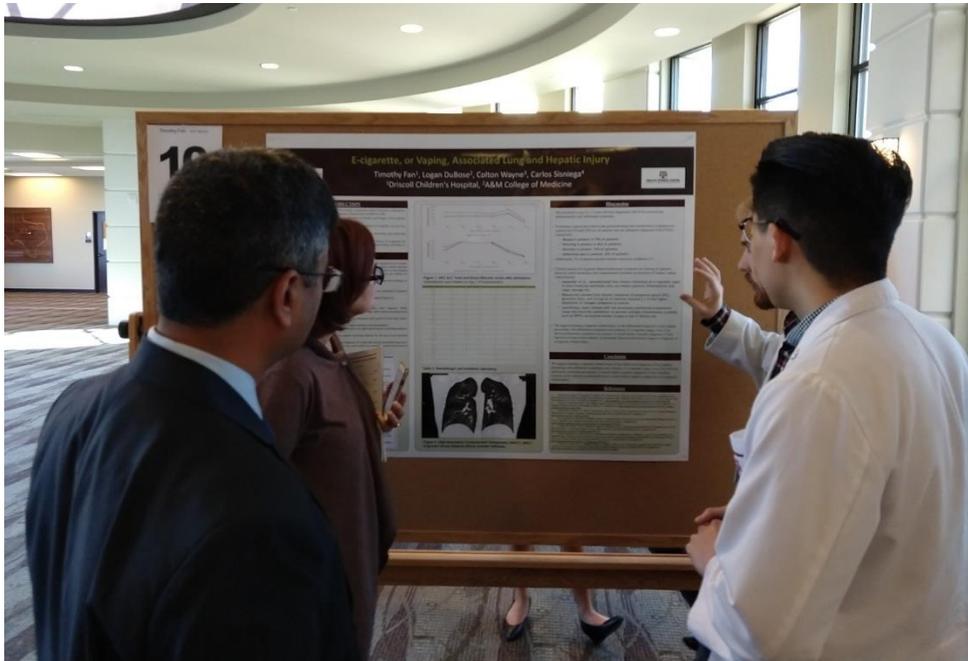


Figure 2. Timothy Fan and Logan DuBose presenting at 2020 Medical Research Colloquium

PEERS mentorship is intended solely for the benefit of the students and is designed to make both the mentor and mentee better academic researchers. Every semester, our office will recognize the service of each peer mentor with a gift card. All participants will be invited to lead a TAMU-COM round table discussion and focus groups.

The Office of Medical Student Research Education highly recommends that you consider participating in the PEERS Mentorship Program because it will help you discover resources to better plan your future. For more details, contact our Office at COM-MD-Research@tamu.edu.