

Addiction Scientists Strengthened through Education and Training

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WHAT IS ASSET?

A substance use research training and education program focused exclusively on supporting *Black* and/or Latinx junior faculty.

ASSET provides research knowledge, skills, and mentored career development training to build faculty confidence and resilience to become independent scientists and leaders in substance use research.

Funding supports up to 6 fellows per year for a summer (12-week) structured training program in:

- 'Hard skills' e.g., manuscript and grant writing, grantsmanship, presentation skills, community-engaged substance use research, and responsible conduct of research with substance-affected communities
- 'Soft skills' e.g., network-building, mentoring, negotiation, and managing issues commonly faced by underrepresented minority investigators ('impostor syndrome,' service overburden)

ASSET will also promote the transition to independent research by offering ASSET fellows peer-reviewed developmental 'seed' grants and travel grants for them to gain critical, hands-on, professional experience on the formulation and execution of a successful research study.





Diversity and inclusion in science, as with every other place in our world, matters.

WHERE DOES THE PROGRAM TAKE PLACE?

As a hybrid format program, ASSET will take place in-person (opening & closing weeks) in San Diego, California at SDSU, and remotely from the fellow's home institution. Total time spent participating inperson ~2 weeks, total time spent participating remotely ~8 weeks.

IMPORTANT DATES

ASSET 2023 will take place in June through August. Applications will be accepted starting December 12, 2022 and up to March 3, 2023.

12-WEEK (SUMMER) TRAINING PROGRAM IN SUBSTANCE USE RESEARCH

AS A FELLOW (I.E., "TRAINEE"), YOU WOULD RECEIVE SEVERAL BENEFITS:

- Flexible and fellow-centered mentorship and training to match the needs, goals, and interests of scholars
- Funding (travel, lodging, per diem) to support in-person program participation in San Diego
- Mentorship from and collaboration with NIH/NIDAfunded researchers and NIDA program officers

- Access to pilot grant "seed" funding to provide formative pilot data for a larger NIH grant proposal
- Completion (within 12 months) of a publishable research study in the area of substance use

ELIGIBILITY

Junior faculty at the Assistant Professor level who are Black or African American and/or Latinx or Hispanic. Candidates should be interested in pursuing a research career related to substance use/addiction science.

TO APPLY

Please submit the following by Friday, March 3, 2023 @ 5pm PST:

1. Complete ASSET application form

Send the following to Isela Martinez SanRoman at: iselamartinez@sdsu.edu

- 2. Curriculum vitae
- 3. Three letters of reference
- 4. Two-page candidate statement of interest
- 5. Institutional letter of support (from your department chair) committing at least 75% summer release time

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen.





