

## **Seeking Qualified Mentors for the ATN's Diversity Scholars Program, A Youth-Focused HIV-Related Research Career Development Program**

Are you interested in helping to develop the next generation of youth-focused HIV researchers? The Adolescent Trials Network for HIV Interventions (ATN) seeks qualified mentors to participate in a 24-36 months youth-focused HIV-related research career development program. The program seeks to recruit diversity scholars who are unlikely to successfully develop careers as youth-focused HIV researchers without appropriate mentorship. The program is designed to leverage the resources and talent that resides in the ATN to provide scholars with real world experience conducting youth focused HIV research. The program aims to help scholars acquire the skills and tools they will need to develop and sustain productive, rewarding research careers, successfully compete for independent research grants, many of which will support the ATN's research agenda and advance through the academic ranks. The program will provide 20% salary support for scholars with the hope that additional protected time will be provided by their institutions. Each scholar will be matched with an experienced mentor whose research expertise and personal style are compatible with those of the scholar.

Mentoring will be conducted through regular interactions over the Internet, by telephone, and at face-to-face meetings (i.e. at the ATN network meetings, conferences). The Program will provide on-going training and support to the mentors as well as 5% salary support and travel to the Diversity Scholars' Meeting. Because we recognize the need for mentoring across the academic ranks, we will institute "mentor-the-mentor" activities to support the career development and advancement of the mentors.

Your participation is critical! If you have any questions or would like a personal discussion please contact Isa Fernández, Ph.D. at [mariafer@nova.edu](mailto:mariafer@nova.edu).

### **WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE MENTORS?**

- Participate in the matching process by reviewing application packages of select scholars who may be good matches
- Assist and guide your assigned scholar to complete the program
- Provide at least 8 hours of individual mentoring per month (telephone, e-mail, Skype, face-to-face, etc.)
- Attend the biannual ATN Diversity Scholars' meetings (travel costs will be provided)
- Participate in program activities (i.e., lead a webinar, serve as a mock peer reviewer, etc.)

### **INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?**

- Send brief statement of interest, C.V. and NIH biosketch to Nilda Hernandez [hnilda@nova.edu](mailto:hnilda@nova.edu)

***Applications for scholars are due June 17, 2019  
Please send us your statement of interest by then!***