Wake Forest Pepper Center Early Career Faculty Scholar Positions Request for Applications (RFA)

The Research Education Core (REC) of the Wake Forest Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center seeks applications from early career faculty to support their development into independent scientists with an interest in aging, diseases that affect function in older adults, and interventions that integrate pathways affecting physical function for new approaches to disability prevention. Faculty members with an interest in basic, clinical, translational, or population research are invited to apply.

Information sessions will be held on Friday, October 13th at Noon and on Wednesday, October 18th at 5:00 pm. RSVP to Laura Hayworth by Wednesday, October 11th to confirm your attendance and receive a link to join the meeting.

Scholar Support:
• Protected research time (2-3 years of support is typical)
• A formal mentoring team
• Priority access to Pepper Center Research Support Cores and resources
• Travel funds

Qualifications:
• Faculty appointment at the Instructor or Assistant Professor level at the time of application. Physicians are encouraged to apply
• A proposed research project relevant to pathways to physical disability, muscle function, body composition, neurologic substrates of physical function, translation of insights from biology of aging, or novel applications of functional assessments to improve patient care
• Commitment to a research career with an aging focus
• Sufficient protected time (≥50%) dedicated to research and career development activities
• Letter of support from Department Chair / Section Head

Selection Process:
• Applicants whose proposed project aligns with the Wake Forest Pepper Center research themes (based on LOI) will be invited to submit a full application
• Applications are reviewed by three reviewers
• Endorsement by the Pepper Center Executive Committee

Please upload a letter of intent by 5 pm, October 30th (https://redcap.wakehealth.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=DWDKYP74KEPK8JK9). Your LOI should include a brief summary of your training plan and your proposed research project along with its relevance to the Pepper Center theme.

Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Denise Houston, PhD (dhouston@wakehealth.edu) or Heidi Klepin, MD, MS (hklepin@wakehealth.edu) to discuss their application prior to applying.

Letter of intent due: October 30, 2023
Application deadline: December 18, 2023
Anticipated start date: April 1, 2024