‘Becoming Faculty’: A Workshop for Veterinarian Scientists Planning Academic Research Careers

Becoming Faculty, a short career development course will run parallel with the upcoming Merial-NIH National Veterinary Scholars Symposium, from 8 AM on Thursday, July 30th through noon on Sunday, August 2nd, 2015 at the University of California, Davis.

This workshop is aimed at veterinarian-scientists who plan to have a research-intensive academic career. Veterinarians who are postdoctoral fellows in laboratories, senior residents with substantial research experience, or after significant clinical experience and are now senior graduate students are the course’s intended audience. Please encourage your institution’s trainees to apply.

The workshop is meant to provide advice and insight on how to prepare for a competitive, grant-fueled academic research career, including how to navigate the job search, choose the right job offer, start a new lab, become “a boss”, manage one’s clinical responsibilities and teaching responsibilities, establish funding and independent publishing, and build a happy and satisfying—if somewhat hectic - life.

A draft agenda will be sent out shortly, as speakers are still being confirmed.

Selection will be based on the quality of the Young Investigator Award applications and relevance of applicants’ research and clinical backgrounds. Students currently enrolled in DVM/PhD programs are far less likely to be invited than applicants who have finished their veterinary training and had more clinical exposure. Application for participation in this workshop is made by applying for the AVMA-AVMF sponsored Young Investigator Award; see attached instructions. The deadline for applications is May 22, 2015.

Course participants’ transportation to UC Davis, ground transportation while in UC Davis, rooms at the meeting hotel, meals, meeting registration, and course materials will all be covered by a grant from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. You can learn more about us here.