



SOCS

skin of color society

Do you have a passion for skin of color?

Is connecting with leaders in the field something that interests you?

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Skin of Color Society (SOCS) Mentorship program is a comprehensive program that connects young physicians and medical students with an approved skin of color expert from SOCS. Mentoring will be provided for up to one year starting in March.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Please submit your application through the SOCS website. Applications open **August 1**. Completed applications must be received by **December 1**. Mentor-mentee pairings are announced in **March**.

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Mentee Brittany Feaster, MHS with mentor Dr. Amy McMichael at the Wake Forest Baptist Health, Department of Dermatology, 2020 Observership Award

What does participation in the program involve?

- **An annual meeting** with your mentor at the Skin of Color Society Scientific Symposium
- **Professional development meetings** (in-person or virtual) 3 to 4 times per year to discuss goal-setting, practical ways to increase knowledge in skin of color and more
- Participating in a **short survey** in August and February each year on your mentorship program experience

What are the benefits?

- Build a **positive working relationship** with a mentor
- Acquire **new knowledge and skills** in skin of color
- Participate in **research** opportunities in of skin of color
- Enjoy **networking opportunities** with other skin of color experts
- Share **mentorship experience** with the SOCS membership

Who is eligible to be a Mentee?

- Participants must be existing members of SOCS with current dues records
- AND
- Medical students, or
- Dermatology residents, fellows/young dermatologists who completed residency no more than 3 years ago

Who is eligible to be a Mentor?

- Participants must be existing members of SOCS with a current dues record
- AND
- Practicing dermatologists or dermatology residents*
- *Residents can serve as both a mentor (to medical students) AND as a mentee (matched with a practicing dermatologist).

How are mentors allocated?

Young physicians can identify an approved mentor with whom they would like to connect, or an approved mentor can be allocated by SOCS. Due to high interest in the program, SOCS may not be able to match every mentee application with a mentor.

I want to get involved! What is the next step?

- Membership or pending membership of the Skin of Color Society is a requirement for eligibility. Please complete your SOCS membership application or renew your current dues before proceeding with the Mentorship application.
- Complete the application form including all required documents. See application form for details - <http://skinofcolorsociety.org/mentorship-programs/>