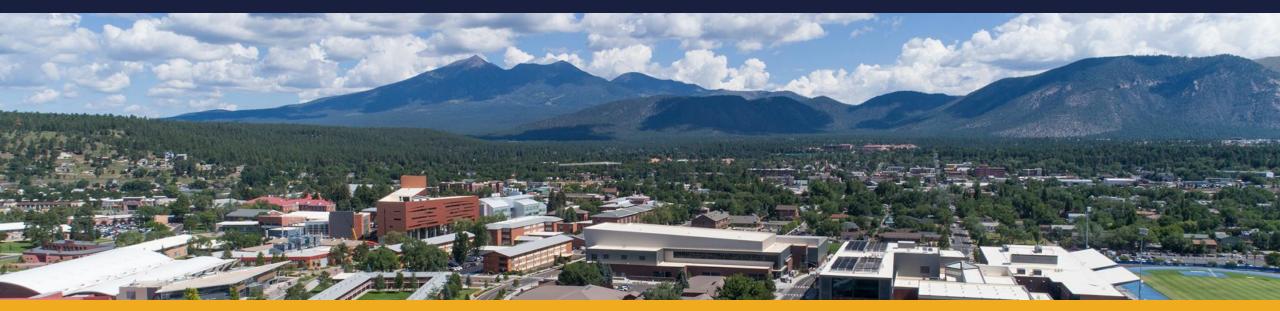


# Southwest Health Equity Research Collaborative (SHERC)

# Individualized Mentorship Program Hendrik 'Dirk' de Heer, PhD



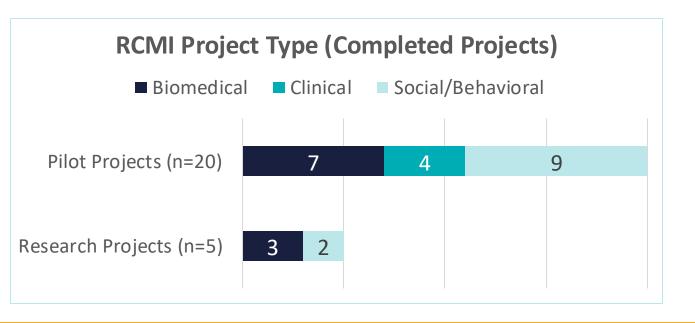
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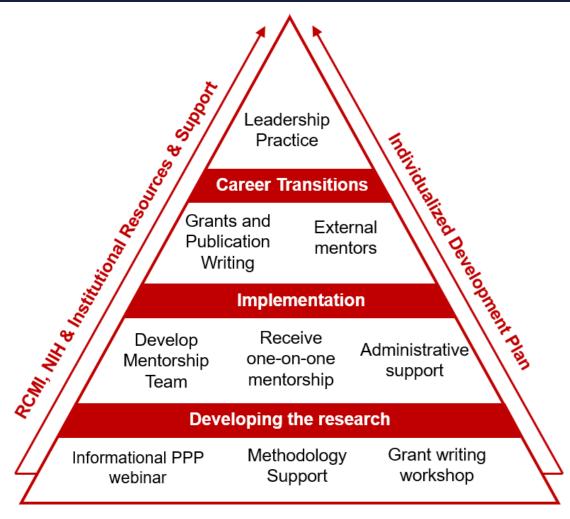
#### **Disclosure Statement**

• For this educational event, I have no relevant financial arrangements or affiliations with any corporate organizations to disclose.

# **Background information**

- RCMI since 2017
- PPP focused on ESI
- Individualized Mentorship Program





# **Research Studio Format**

Topic	PPP funded investigators	Research Project Pls	Submitted LOI or full proposal, not funded
1. * One-on-one mentorship meetings with IDC	X		
2. * Consulting sessions  a. Mentorship and building mentor team  b. Team Science	X	X	
3. * Individual development plan (2 pages)	Х		
4. * Community dissemination of findings a. Community Dissemination and Application Training b. 2 Products used for dissemination	X	X	
5. * Grant Writing Workshop	Х		Х
6. RCMI workshops on content/skills as needed	X	X	Х
7. Methodological support from RCC	X	X	X
8. Grant review, editing support for external proposals	X	X	X

#### **Research Studio Format**

- How do you structure the research studio sessions?
  - Small size
  - Specific to project or grant
  - Individualized and iterative
- How do you prepare for these sessions?
  - Engaging investigators before workshop
  - Session leaders from various disciplines/ leadership roles
- How long are the sessions and standardization, efficiency and consistency?
  - Sessions 30min-1hr (individual check-ins vs info sessions)
  - Standard protocol (logistics, primary issues, needs and next steps)
  - Feedback and questions, annual evaluation
- How is feedback provided to the investigators during and after?
  - In partnership with eval: assess satisfaction, areas they wish would have been covered
  - Allow for follow-up with leads, staff etc.

#### **RCMI Program Integration**

- How do you engage the various cores of your RCMI U54 Center?
  - RCC at each step
  - CEC and CEB engagement
  - CEC Community Engagement Studio as pathway to PPP (and PPP to Full Project)
- How do you recruit and engage senior scientists to serve as expert panel members?
  - Culture of collaboration
  - Senior investigators often serve as Co-Is or mentors
- How does your RCMI U54 Center get acknowledged for the research studio sessions?
  - Sessions are generally shared on the website and recordings stored
- Do you provide any incentives to research studio expert panel members?
  - No, but often times panel members are affiliated with center in some capacity
  - We do support external mentors

# Research Studio Adaptation & Refinement

- What have you learned during the process that has helped you improve?
  - IMP refined and individualized; engage with departmental leadership
  - Removed ineffective components, continued or expanded
- What general feedback have you received from early-stage investigators?
  - SHERC IMP and PPP are an essential part of our research infrastructure
  - Helped faculty career advancement
- What are the outcomes of the research studios in terms of grants/ publications?
  - In 2025 R1 status
  - Relatively strong publication output, future grants
  - Challenge: rewarding success

#### Questions?

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