University of Pittsburgh
Clinical Research Training Program
Mentor Commitment Contract

The Research Design and Development Seminar course (CLRES 2071 and CLRES 2072) is designed to develop research grant writing skills and requires intensive involvement of one or more mentors. You and your mentor(s) must agree to these requirements in order to take this course. It is expected that you and your mentor(s) will follow these requirements throughout the year.

The requirements of this course are as follows:

1. Both mentor and mentee must attend a 4-hour workshop on mentoring, to be held on September 5th, 2007 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

2. Mentee and mentor(s) will meet at least weekly to discuss research issues and develop the grant proposal.

3. Mentor(s) should attend the small group sessions when the mentee is scheduled to present his or her proposal. Each mentee is required to give 5 to 7 presentations (20-30 minutes each) throughout the academic year (specific aims, revised specific aims, study design, statistical strategy, 1st draft, 2nd draft, and study section).

If any of these requirements is not satisfied, the trainee may not be able to obtain full University credit for the class.

These agreements will serve as guidelines for both the mentor and the mentee, and the objectives defined in the agreement will enable course instructors to assess progress of the mentee. Please mark your calendars on September 5, 2007 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m., as attendance at the mentoring workshop is required.

Mentee’s Name (Please print)                     Mentor’s Name (Please print)

Mentee’s Signature                              Mentor’s Signature

Date                                           Date

I agree to support the mentor-mentee commitment as outlined above.

Program Director’s Name (Please print)

Program Director’s Signature

Date