

Ambassador Mentor Program



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About the Mentorship Program

The PCORI Ambassador Program is a volunteer network of individuals dedicated to changing the culture of health research. In their communities and nationally, Ambassadors are shifting how research is being done by partnering with researchers, leading engagement initiatives, setting priorities, and spreading the word about the importance of stakeholder-engaged research.

The PCORI Ambassador Mentor Program was developed as a part of the Ambassador Program's onboarding process to promote partnership, networking, and co-learning within the Ambassador community. The Mentor Program will help new Ambassadors feel better prepared to engage with the community.

Upon joining the program, new Ambassadors are offered the option to have a peer mentor, who is a longstanding and involved Ambassador. The Mentor Program presents an opportunity for new Ambassadors to gain a peer mentor who will help to enhance involvement and knowledge of the Ambassador Program and PCORI. We hope that both mentors and mentees will share their professional, research, and advocacy interests and connections with each other. The mentor and mentee relationship should be reciprocal and bidirectional as both individuals can be helpful with networking, partnership development, and peer learning.

Ambassador Program staff will pair mentors and mentees based on stakeholder type and professional interests. Mentors and mentees work together to set a schedule and create mutual goals. The program is designed with limited staff involvement to allow each mentor/mentee pair to tailor the relationship to their own unique goals and schedules.

Program Eligibility Criteria

Mentors

- Membership for 2+ years
- Completion of the new Ambassador training
- Completion of an Ambassador Center profile: [Click here](#) to complete

Mentees

- Joined the Ambassador Program after November 1, 2018
- Completion of an Ambassador Center profile: [Click here](#) to complete

How to Sign Up

Mentors

- Opt-in through [this survey](#)
- If you are not eligible, you can become eligible by fulfilling the criteria above

Mentees

- Opt-in to the program through the Ambassador Interest Form
- Opt-in to the program through [this survey](#)

Mentor/Mentee Pairing Process



Mentor/Mentee Potential Discussion Prompts

The mentor and mentee pairs will vary in nature given unique collaboration, previous involvement in patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR), and professional goals. As such, we have some guiding questions to facilitate preliminary conversations that will uncover similar professional interests, shared networks, and potential collaboration opportunities. Mentors and mentees might find these prompts useful in facilitating discussions to better understand each other's familiarity and involvement with PCOR, PCORI, and health care more broadly. This will help guide next steps in the mentor and mentee relationship so that new Ambassadors can be better informed about the program and their role.

Tell me more about how you got involved with PCOR and PCORI?

Do you currently work or volunteer with a healthcare or research organization? If so, where?

Which types of populations do you work with currently? Which condition areas do you focus on?

Have you been involved in a PCORI-funded project before? If so, what was your role and how did you contribute to the project? Have you worked on research projects, engagement awards, P2P, or PCORnet?

Have you had a mentor before (or served as one)? What are your goals and expectations from this working relationship? Do you hope to get more interconnected with the PCOR community or get more involved in research? Learn more about PCOR and how to share findings in your community?

How do you support PCORI's mission and vision through the Ambassador Program?