



2022-2023 ASCO Virtual Mentoring Program: Request for Applications (RFA)

Thank you for your interest in the ASCO Virtual Mentoring Program!

Participants in the Virtual Mentoring Program (VMP) will be matched with an experienced senior oncologist that will serve as a mentor to support their career progression and professional development. Over this yearlong program, participants are encouraged to work with their mentor to develop a mentoring plan and determine the best approach to meet their specified goals outlined in the mentoring plan submitted in their application. It is expected that mentor-mentee pairs meet at least one-hour each month for the program-year.

ASCO's Virtual Mentoring Programs pairs ASCO members with a mentor outside of their institution to address unmet career development needs of:

- Practicing Oncologists
- Populations Underrepresented in Medicine
- Women in Oncology
- Oncologists in Training
- International Oncologists

Eligibility Criteria

To apply for the ASCO Virtual Mentoring Program, applicants must:

- Be a full ASCO Member (or submit a membership application in conjunction with the application)
- Make a minimum time commitment of one hour per month during the program period

How to Apply

- To initiate an application, please visit the [ASCO application portal](#).
- Completed applications must be submitted by **January 20, 2023**, at 11:59 PM EST to be considered. Accepted applicants will be contacted in early Spring 2023 regarding next steps in the application process.
- All application materials must be in English and submitted through the online application system.
- If you have questions, please contact ProfessionalDevelopment@asco.org.

What to Expect

After completion of the application and acceptance into the program, ASCO will ask mentees to identify potential mentors from a list that would suit their professional needs and goals. The mentor preferences are then reviewed by ASCO staff who assign mentors based on these preferences and other criteria. The pairings are shared with both the mentee and mentor for approval before being finalized. After a mentor-mentee pair is finalized, the mentee should work with their assigned mentor to determine a schedule, send calendar appointments, share goals, develop a mentoring plan, etc.

Please note: ASCO staff will do their best to match a mentee with a mentor from their preferred list, however, due to the number of applicants and limited number of available mentors, this cannot be guaranteed.



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Mentees who wish to work alongside their assigned mentor in clinical trials or research, exceptionally specific mentoring goals outside the purview of the program or require an in-person component to their participation should not apply to the VMP.

If you are unsure if your mentoring goals are appropriate for a VMP mentor or you are looking for a mentoring opportunity outside the scope of VMP, please email ProfessionalDevelopment@asco.org to let ASCO staff know more about your mentoring needs.