Practice Oriented Research Training (PORT)

Are you a Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Respiratory Therapist, Exercise Physiologist, hospitalist, or other clinical health professional interested in doing research? Then the PORT program is for you. The Practice Oriented Research Training (PORT) program is a didactic and experiential mentored research training program for clinicians who have not had formal training in clinical research.

The program provides the fundamental skills to:
- design a research project
- apply and be reviewed for funding
- conduct research
- present findings to local and national professional audiences
- write manuscripts for peer review

Registration and Application deadline: February 27
https://www.michr.umich.edu/education/portprogram

“Port has been the launching pad for my grant application, my IRB approval, and my subsequent research project that is near completion. I could not have gotten this far without the support of the program’s leadership who are now co-writing a manuscript with me. I never would have gotten this far without their guidance and assistance along the entire process.”
- Jeanne Riggs, OTR, Occupational Therapist, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

The PORT program is delivered in two stages.

Stage 1:
- Scholars enroll in didactic seminars that meet weekly, April – June.
- Meets 5:15 - 7:00 p.m.
- You will learn the research process from talented clinical researchers at U-M.
- 90-minute classroom sessions will teach the research process from literature review to implementation of a research project.
- Trainees write a five-page grant proposal that will be submitted to the MICHR PORT grant competition to help support their research. *Funded PORT grants allow for a budget up to 10K and are cost-shared by MICHR and the attendee’s department.*
- Registration is required.

Stage 2:
- Trainees will have two years to conduct their funded research.
- Trainees will be expected to participate in post-award seminars and meetings.
- Trainees will be mentored through project start up, data collection and analysis, dissemination - including presenting to professional audiences - and manuscript writing.

Need more Information?
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