

# **Peggy Schachte Research Mentor Award**

## **Nomination Procedures**

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The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals at MUSC who have demonstrated a strong record of mentoring faculty, postdoctoral fellows and/or doctoral-seeking students in obtaining extramural awards from private or public sponsors or government agencies to support independent research investigations or to advance individual research career development. The award is aimed at faculty members, who are widely recognized for encouraging and supporting the advancement and achievements of others as successful investigators and for whom research mentorship has been a major commitment over a significant period of time. The award shall be presented at the annual MUSC Faculty Convocation and will include a monetary award as part of the recognition. See below for a full description of this program.

MUSC faculty, fellows, students and staff may submit nominations. The nominating package must include a letter from the nominator (not to exceed 1000 words) summarizing the nominee's background and achievements as a research mentor, the full curriculum vitae of the nominee with examples of research mentorship activities and outcomes, and three supporting letters from MUSC faculty, postdoctoral fellows, students, or staff attesting to the exceptional nature of the nominee's research mentorship activities and outcomes (supporting letters may be co-signed by multiple individuals). The deadline for nominations is March 15.

**Please submit applications in one pdf file to:**

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## **Peggy Schachte Research Mentor Award**

### **I. Policy Statement**

#### **A. Purpose**

The purpose of the Peggy Schachte Research Mentor Award is to recognize individuals at MUSC who have excelled in mentoring faculty, postdoctoral fellows and/or doctoral-seeking students in obtaining extramural awards from private or public sponsors or government agencies to support independent research investigations or to advance individual research career development through early career awards or fellowship support. The award is aimed at faculty members who are widely recognized for encouraging and supporting the advancement and achievements of others as successful investigators and for whom research mentorship has been a major commitment over a significant period of time.

This award was established by an endowment from the College of Medicine in honor of Margaret P. (Peggy) Schachte, MBA, who founded and served as Director of the MUSC Office of Research Development from 1993 to 2009. During her tenure, Peggy recognized the significance of research mentorship and played a major role in initiating and championing research mentorship activities at MUSC.

#### **B. Nature of Award**

Up to two awardees may be named each year. The award shall be presented at the annual MUSC Faculty Convocation. Each awardee shall receive a certificate and a monetary award to be used at their discretion.

#### **C. Eligibility**

Members of the MUSC faculty are eligible for this award. Individuals may be re-nominated from previous years, except for those individuals who have previously received this award. Retired or emeritus faculty may be considered as special cases.

#### **D. Selection Procedure**

The Vice President for Research will distribute a Call for Nominations for the Peggy Schachte Research Mentor Award annually to the faculty, postdoctoral fellows, students and staff of the Medical University of South Carolina. A Review Committee, composed of faculty members representing all colleges of the University plus one MUSC postdoctoral fellow, appointed annually by the Vice President for Research, will review all applications and convey recommendations for the award to the Vice President for Research.

### **II. Selection Criteria**

Nominations will be evaluated on the basis of the nominee's commitment to mentoring and accomplishments as a research mentor, as documented in the nominating package. Examples of evidence may include number and type/career stage of current/previous mentees over a significant period of time, extramural funding success of current/previous mentees, notable publications by current/previous mentees, and ongoing career advancement and achievements of mentees. The nominee's mentorship activities must have led directly to independent research grant, career development or fellowship awards obtained by mentees.

Nominations will be accepted from MUSC faculty, staff or students. The nominating package must include a letter from the nominator (not to exceed 1000 words) summarizing the nominee's background and achievements as a research mentor, the full curriculum vitae of the nominee with examples of research mentorship activities and outcomes, and three supporting letters from current or former MUSC faculty, postdoctoral fellows, students or staff attesting to the research mentorship activities of the nominee. Supporting letters may be co-signed by multiple individuals.

## **PRIOR AWARDEES**

### **2012**

Jeannette O. Andrews, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Judy R. Dubno, PhD

### **2013**

Gary S. Gilkeson, MD  
Ashli J. Sheidow, PhD

### **2014**

Marc I. Chimowitz, MB, ChB  
Jane M. Zapka, ScD

### **2015**

Dennis K. Watson, PhD  
Michael R. Zile, MD

### **2016**

Zihai Li, MD, PhD