

# Addiction Scientists Strengthened through Education and Training (ASSET)

Summer 2021



## PROGRAM WEBSITE

[asset.sdsu.edu](http://asset.sdsu.edu)

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## PROGRAM FUNDING

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## WHAT IS ASSET?

A substance use research training and education program focused exclusively on supporting **Black and/or Latinx junior faculty**.

ASSET provides research knowledge, skills, and mentored career development training to build faculty confidence and resilience to become **independent scientists and leaders in substance use research**.

Funding supports up to **6 fellows per year for a 12-week structured training program** in:

- 'Hard skills' – e.g., manuscript and grant writing, grantsmanship, presentation skills, community-engaged substance use research, and responsible conduct of research with substance-affected communities
- 'Soft skills' – e.g., network-building, mentoring, negotiation, and managing issues commonly faced by underrepresented minority investigators ('impostor syndrome,' service overburden)

ASSET will also promote the transition to independent research by **offering ASSET fellows peer-reviewed developmental 'seed' grants and travel grants** for them to gain critical, hands-on, professional experience on the formulation and execution of a successful research study.



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*Diversity and inclusion in science, as with every other place in our world, matters.*

### WHERE DOES THE PROGRAM TAKE PLACE?

As a hybrid format program, ASSET will take place in-person in San Diego, California at SDSU and UCSD, and remotely from the fellow's home institution. Total time spent participating in-person ~4 weeks, total time spent participating remotely ~8 weeks.

### IMPORTANT DATES

ASSET 2021 will take place in June through August. Applications will be accepted starting November 15 2020 and up to March 15 2021.

### WHEN WILL IT BEGIN?

ASSET will enroll its first cohort of fellows in May 2021.

## 12-WEEK (SUMMER) TRAINING PROGRAM IN SUBSTANCE USE RESEARCH

### AS A FELLOW (I.E., "TRAINEE"), YOU WOULD RECEIVE SEVERAL BENEFITS:

- Flexible and fellow-centered mentorship and training to match the needs, goals, and interests of scholars
- Access to pilot grant "seed" funding to provide formative pilot data for a larger NIH grant proposal
- Funding (travel, lodging, per diem) to support in-person program participation in San Diego
- Completion (within 12 months) of a publishable research study in the area of substance use
- Mentorship from and collaboration with NIH/NIDA-funded researchers and NIDA program officers

### ELIGIBILITY

Junior faculty at the Assistant Professor level who are Black or African American and/or Latinx or Hispanic. Candidates should be interested in pursuing a research career related to substance use/addiction science.

### TO APPLY

Please submit the following by **Monday, March 15, 2021 at 5pm PST:**

1. Complete ASSET application form (request form from [iselamartinez@sdsu.edu](mailto:iselamartinez@sdsu.edu))
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Three letters of reference
4. Two-page candidate statement of interest
5. Institutional letter of support (from your department chair) committing at least 75% summer release time

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen.

