



ROBERT A. WINN
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AWARD PROGRAM

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Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials
Career Development Award (Winn CDA)

Cohort 5 Program Mentor Orientation

Overview of Winn Awards & Winn CDA

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The Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials Award Program

VISION: To transform the clinical research landscape by building and strengthening partnerships between clinical investigators and the communities where their patients reside, with a goal of ultimately engaging a patient population that mirrors the epidemiology of the disease studied.

FUNDING COMMITMENT: 2021-2027

Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation	\$100 M	5 Cohorts	250 scholars & 250 students
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	\$14 M	4 Cohorts	40 scholars & 40 students
Amgen	\$8 M	3 Cohorts	18 scholars & 18 students
Genentech	\$2.5 M	1 Cohort	8 scholars & 8 students

AWARD PROGRAMS:

Career Development Award (CDA)	Clinical Investigator Pathway Program (CIPP)	Clinical Investigator Leadership Award (CILA)
2-year program for early-stage investigator physicians	6-week summer externship for medical students	3-year program for Winn CDA graduates
316 scholars	316 students	35 scholars
Oncology, cardiovascular, metabolics, immunology, neuropsychiatry	Various therapeutic areas, mentored by CDA scholars	Oncology, cardiovascular

HOW:



Train

New clinical investigators with community engagement and research skills



Engage

Medical students in clinical research



Support

Program graduates with ongoing career and leadership development in clinical research

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS & COLLABORATORS:

- VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center
- American Association for Cancer Research
- Conquer Cancer, the ASCO Foundation
- American Heart Association



The Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials

Career Development Award (Winn CDA)

OBJECTIVE

To produce exceptionally trained clinical investigators with a focus on the science of community engagement.

- Winn CDA is a **2-yr program** to support the career development of **early-stage investigator physicians** who have a demonstrated commitment to transforming and expanding access to the clinical research landscape.
- Scholars receive **\$240K (\$120K/ year)**, intended to ensure **40% of scholars' time** is protected to focus on the program.
- Currently, our clinical research areas include **cancer, cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, and immunologic disorders**. We expect this to expand over time, based on funders' therapeutic priorities.

*Winn CDA is our **flagship program** and the cornerstone of our efforts to improve participation in trials.*

Key Stakeholders

Funding Partners

- Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation (BMSF)
- Gilead Sciences, Inc.
- Amgen
- Genentech

Advisory Group

- National Advisory Committee (NAC)

Mentors

- Winn-AACR DICT Workshop faculty
- Winn CDA institutional mentors
- Winn CDA program mentors

Implementation Partners

- Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)
 - Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center
- American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)

Implementation Collaborators

- American Heart Association (AHA)
- Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)

Cohort 5 Fun Facts

DID YOU KNOW?

Cohort 5 is comprised of **79 early-stage investigators** from **45 institutions** across the country, our largest cohort to date!

The South is most strongly represented with **44% of scholars from the region.**

Scholars in this cohort represent researchers in the areas of **cancer (70%), cardiovascular diseases (23%),** and **immunologic disorders (7%).**



Community-Oriented Clinical Trialist (COCT) Curriculum

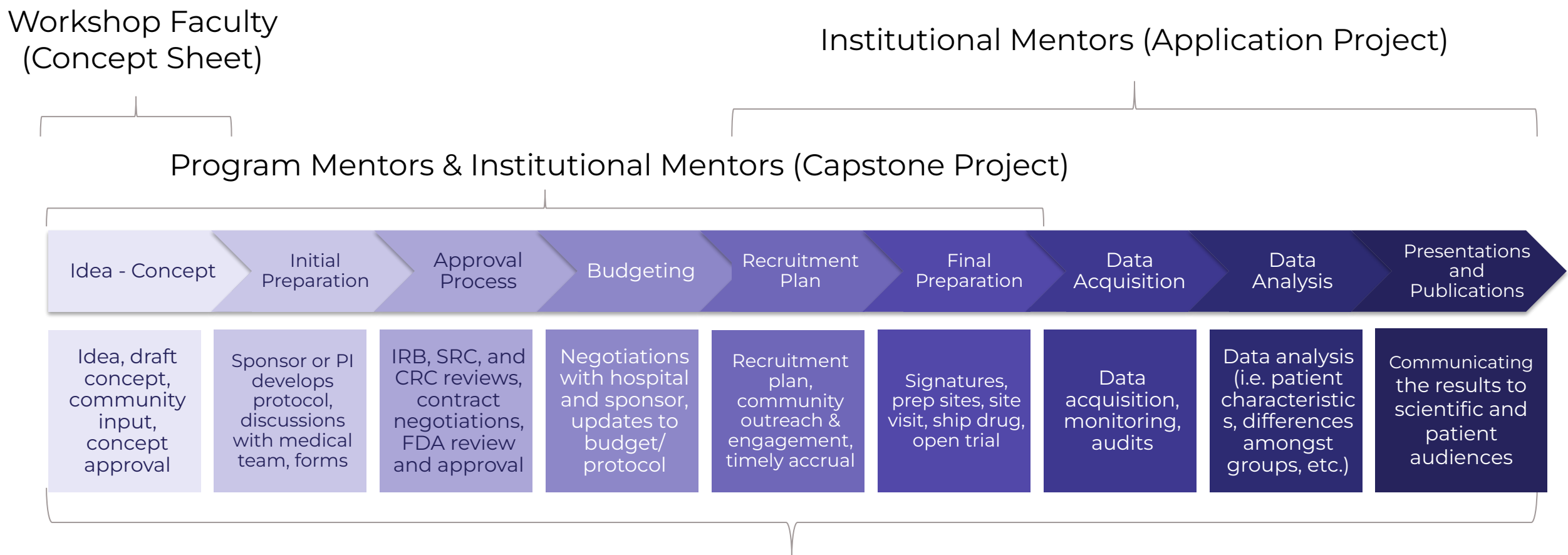
Purpose:

To train **a new generation of world class clinical trialists** who possess the additional knowledge and competencies to foster active community engagement in clinical and translational research.

Goals:

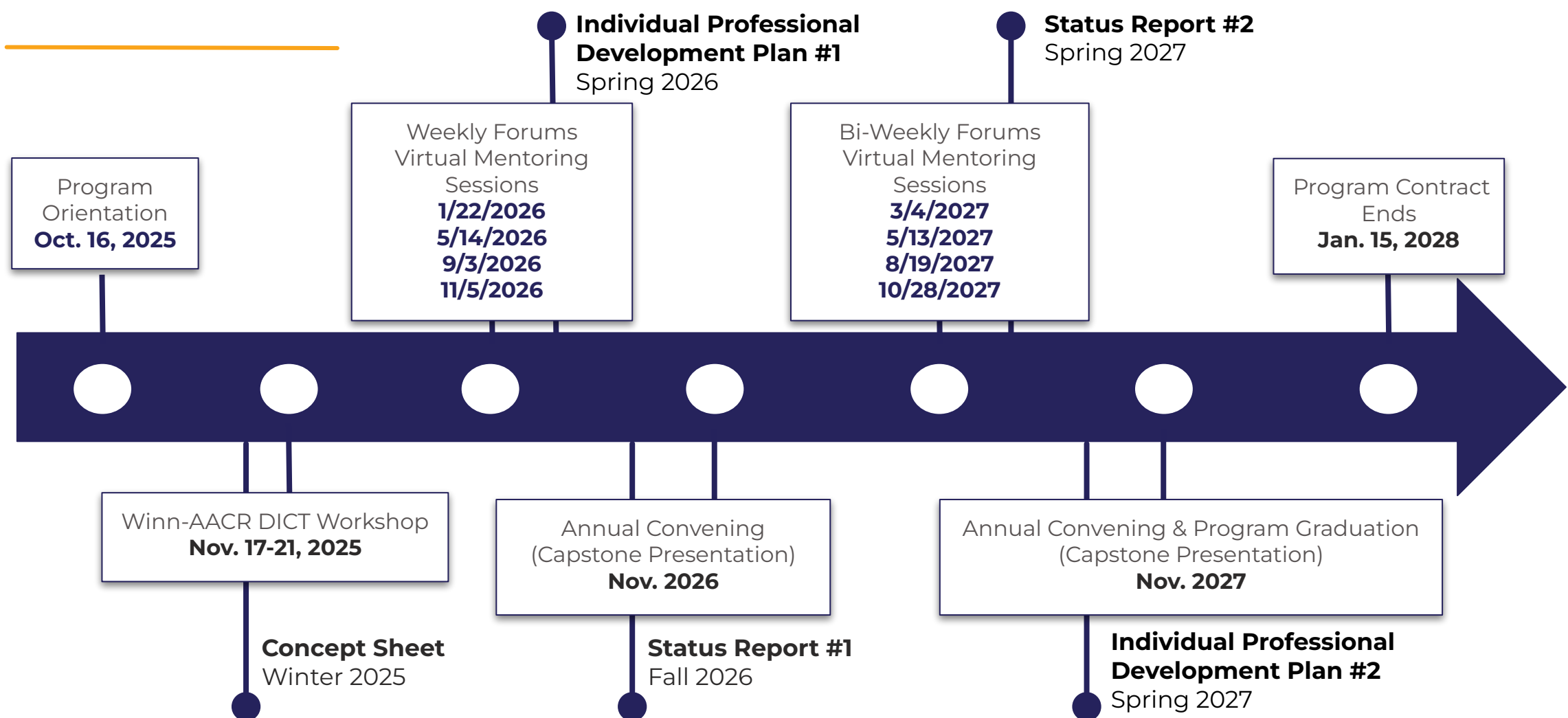
- ❑ Be introduced to the principles of effective clinical trial design, development, implementation, and community engagement.
- ❑ Expand their knowledge of strategies that impact the awareness, accrual, and retention of more patients onto trials from at-risk communities.
- ❑ Be trained in the science and methods of effective community outreach and engagement.
- ❑ Strengthen their skills and competency to effectively plan and implement clinical studies.
- ❑ Build collaborative connections to facilitate the successful initiation and/or execution of clinical studies.
- ❑ Accelerate their professional development to increase their impact and ability to effect change.

COCT Curriculum Clinical Trial Continuum - Mentoring & Community Engagement Throughout



Community engagement instruction and activities occur throughout the curriculum with opportunities to involve communities at all stages of a clinical trial – from community needs assessment to input and assistance with dissemination of results.

COCT Curriculum Timeline



Program Deliverables

Capstone Project

- New, independent project separate from application project; focus on community outreach, engagement, and maximizing generalizability
- Initial presentation in Nov. 2026; final presentation in Nov. 2027

Scholar Forums

- Two hour sessions: weekly in year 1, bi-weekly in year 2
- Scholars must attend at least 80% of sessions each year, mentors do not attend
- Various mentorship sessions throughout two years

Individual Professional Development Plans

- Scholars' personalized roadmaps for training and career development and is a means to track their progress and outcomes
- Developed in collaboration with institutional mentor
- Submission deadlines: spring 2026 & spring 2027



Capstone Project

CDA scholars will develop a **new, independent project** that is separate from their application project.

By the end of the two-year Winn CDA program, each scholar will develop and present a mentored research protocol. The project should integrate the knowledge, and skills gained through the COCT curriculum, with particular attention to community outreach, engagement, and maximizing generalizability.

Timeline

- **Concept Sheet Development** - First Quarter of Program
- **Letter of Intent** - Early June 2026
- **Status Report #1** - October 2026
- **Initial Capstone Project Presentation** - November 2026 at Annual Convening
- **Status Report #2** - April 2027
- **Final Capstone Project Presentation** - November 2027 at Annual Convening

Winn CDA Scholar Forums

Schedule (Thursdays, 12-2pm ET)

- Y1: Weekly
 - 4 MFGD sessions
 - 1/22/2026
 - 5/14/2026
 - 9/3/2026
 - 11/5/2026
 - 1 DICT Workshop Mentoring Session
- Y2: Biweekly
 - 4 MFGD sessions
 - 3/4/2027
 - 5/13/2027
 - 8/19/2027
 - 10/28/2027
 - 1-2 DICT Workshop Mentoring Sessions

Duration & Format

- December 2025 - October 2027
- 2 hour sessions
- Virtual Webinars (via Zoom)

Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP)

IPDPs are scholars' personalized **roadmaps for training and career development** and is a means to track their progress and outcomes.

- Developed in collaboration with mentor(s)
- Reviewed, updated, & revised during program period
- Topics covered:
 - Clinical research skills (e.g., statistical analysis, biostatistics, etc.)
 - Career/professional development skills (e.g., grant writing, public speaking, project management, technical report writing, etc.)

Submission Deadlines

Spring 2026 and Fall 2027

Winn CDA Tiered Mentoring

Tiered mentoring is a key component of the Winn CDA, designed to provide scholars with mentorship at multiple levels.

- ❑ **Multi-level support:** Scholars receive guidance from faculty from their institutions, program mentors, and Workshop faculty.
- ❑ **360° mentorship experience:** This layered approach fosters growth, connection, and collaboration across all stages of professional development.
- ❑ **Sustained impact:** Encourages a culture of giving back and learning from those ahead and guiding those who follow.
- ❑ **Developing future mentors:** Scholars strengthen their own mentoring skills by supporting medical students in the Winn CIPP.

COCT Curriculum - Mentors

Institutional Mentors

- Recommended to meet at least 2x a month
- Scholar may participate in Institutional Mentor's active clinical trial
- Institutional Mentor provides guidance for the IPDP

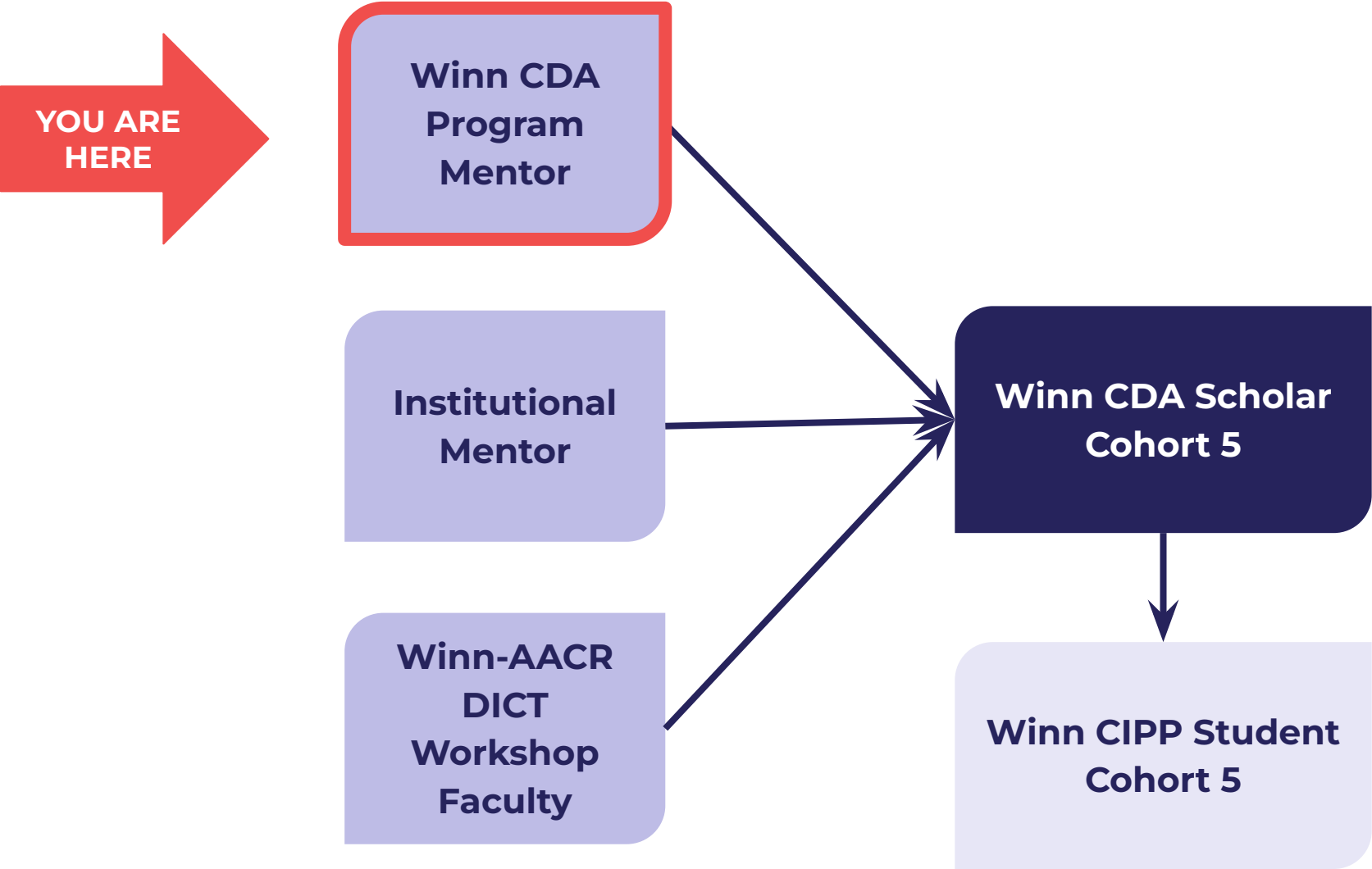
Workshop Faculty

- Meet for 2 mentoring sessions, 1 per year
- Provide guidance on concept sheet
- Facilitate in-depth discussions and mentorship during in-person Workshop

Program Mentors

- Meet for 8 mentor-facilitated group discussion sessions, 4 per year
- Provide tailored feedback & guidance on capstone projects & career development

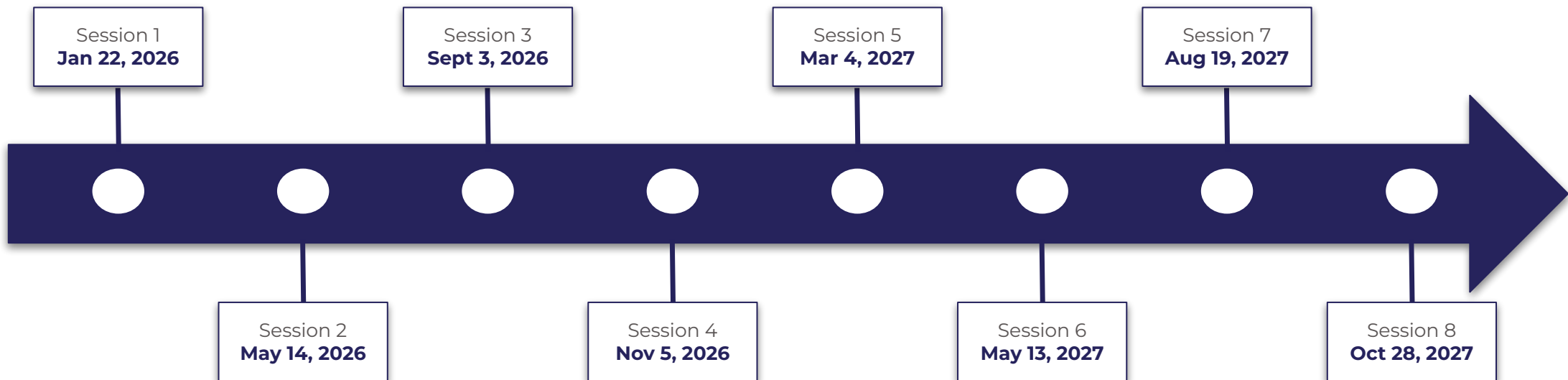
Tiered Mentorship Model



Mentor-facilitated Group Discussion (MFGD) Sessions

In these 2-hour virtual discussions, program mentors give tailored guidance to scholars as they work on their capstone project.

- ❑ Key Topics: Grant writing; budgeting; PI roles; regulatory compliance (CTOs/IRBs); and contract negotiation.
- ❑ Skill Focus: Design and implementation of clinical trials; professional development; and leadership



MFGD Session Overview

- These sessions are the primary forum for scholars to discuss their capstone projects as works-in-progress and receive both peer and mentor feedback.
- Ensure every scholar has at least two dedicated opportunities over the program to present their project.
- You have full flexibility to determine the session structure based on your group's needs. Common approaches include:
 - Scheduling specific scholar updates.
 - Focusing on critical roadblocks.
 - Addressing a specific professional skill (e.g., networking, funding, management).

Sample MFGD Session Agenda

Time (ET)	Description		Speaker
12:00 - 12:15	Welcome & Program Updates & Announcements		Winn CDA Team
Zoom Breakout Rooms			
12:15 - 2:00	CTD #1 - Autoimmune	CTD #2 - Onco (Breast)	CTD #3 - Cardiology A
	CTD #4 - GI/Colorectal	CTD #5 - GU/Lymphoma	CTD #6 - Hematologic Malignancies
	CTD #7 - Lung/Thoracic	CTD #8 - Gyn/Misc.	CTD #9 - Cardiology B

CTD group breakdown included on the following slide
and in the roster provided in welcome email.

**CTD 1
Autoimmune**

TBD

Arroyo, Gulati, Harfouch, McElroy, Mirza,
Rubio Mosquera, Schoettler

**CTD 2
Breast**

Dionisia Quiroga

Alpert, Delgado Ramos, Elkhanany,
Fleege, Jahan, Kimani, Martynova,
Sakach, Williams

**CTD 3.1
Cardiology A**

Marcoli Cyrille

Denny, Duran, Fernandez, Izeogu

**CTD 3.2
Cardiology A**

S. Michelle Ogunwole

Berman, Chyou, Countouris, Denny,
Duran, Ezzeddine, Fernandez, Grewal,
Hassani

**CTD 4
GI/Colorectal**

Efrat Dotan & Colin Weekes

Cann, Corbett, Emiloju, Feng, Hughes,
Lau-Min, Luevano Jr., Makawita,
Rodriguez

**CTD 5
GU &
Lymphoma**

TBD

Ayanambakkam, Ciuro, Mandl. Pain,
Polimera, Saygin, Sethi, Sud, Taparra

**CTD 6
Hematologic
Malignancies**

Carmen Guerra

Chien, Chihara, Elgarten, Gonzalez Lugo,
Hantel, Nessel, Omer, Oyedeji, Tachiki

**CTD 7
Lung/Thoracic**

Stuart Grossman

Chauhan, Choradia, Gonzalez Castro,
Kim, Pabani, Patel, Sridhar, Velez Velez,
Walji

**CTD 8
Gyn/Misc.**

Siddharth Sheth

Anakwenze, Barreto Coelho, Batalini,
Boitano, Harrington, Mungo, Tiger,
Tsang, Urrutia Argueta

**CTD 9
Cardiology B**

Christina Dieli-Conwright

Izeogu, Lavenburg, Oikonomou,
Samuels, Selvaraj, Stockman, Tables,
Varma, Quesada

Honorarium

- Mentors will receive a total honorarium of up to **\$8,000** over the 2-year program, prorated based on the number of sessions facilitated and their role in each session.
- Proration factors:
 - **Individual Facilitation:** A program mentor facilitating a session alone within a specific breakout room/CTD group will receive \$1,000 after the session.
 - **Co-Facilitation:** A program mentor who shares facilitation responsibility with another program mentor within a specific breakout room/CTD group will receive \$500 after the session.

Logistics - *to be completed before first MFGD session on **January 22***

- Sign and submit MOU in DocuSign
- W-9 Form/ACH (direct deposit)
- Short Bio and Headshot – to be shared with scholars

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Still have questions?

We're here to help!
Join the Winn CDA team at our live, drop-in
Q&A session where we'll be happy to chat
and provide any clarification you need.

January 15, 2026 from 3 - 4pm ET

Attendance to this session is optional.



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