



**PI OR NOT PI? THAT IS THE QUESTION:  
DEVELOPING YOUR RESEARCH IDENTITY IN A  
COLLABORATIVE CULTURE OF TEAM SCIENCE**

A perennial favorite developed by the ACRM Early Career Networking Group, the **Early Career Development Course** is an ideal venue for connecting with seasoned professionals who answer your questions and guide you on your path to success.

With particular focus on career development issues relevant to early career researchers, this program comprises didactic presentation, panel discussion, one-on-one networking, and small group discussions.

The morning program begins with a keynote breakfast, followed by a panel discussion by top rehabilitation professionals, such as Jonathan Bean, MD, MS, MPH and Theresa Pape, DrPH, MA, CCC-SLP/L, on the tenure-promotion in Team Science and how to give and share recognition.

**MENTORING LUNCH**

Mentoring Lunch allows participants the chance to discuss various career development topics with a course mentor in a small group setting to address challenges to Team Science, such as: finding a mentor, working towards independence using large datasets, how to form collaborations, grant strategies, finding your place in team science

**FUNDING PRESENTATION**

Representatives of NIDILRR, Veteran Affairs, NIH, PCRORI and selected foundations will present on funding.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

Lastly, attendees will participate in their choice of four breakout sessions led by mid-career and senior rehabilitation scientists on topics such as: clinicians and research, benefits of featuring the biosketch with grant submissions, productive writing, publishing in team science.

**ACRM WELCOME & NETWORKING**

The course will conclude with an introduction to ACRM leadership and chairs of the many interdisciplinary special interest groups (ISIGs) and networking groups. This is an outstanding networking opportunity and a chance to learn more about the work of ACRM and how to get involved.

**EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT COURSE INCLUDES:**  
*Coffee & light pastries, mentoring box lunch, all day access, networking & learning. Separate registration is required for this special course non-CE.*

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: ONLY \$299**  
**SEE DETAILS & REGISTER:** [www.ACRM.org/ecdc](http://www.ACRM.org/ecdc)



**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**



**Michael Boninger, MD**  
Director of the UPMC Rehabilitation Institute



**Edelle Field-Fote, PT, PhD, FAPTA**  
Neuroscientist, director of spinal cord injury research, Shepherd Center

**ACRM LEADERSHIP**



"The Early Career Development Course this year is exceptionally exciting. I look forward to meeting you here!" —**Monique R. Pappadis, MEd, PhD**  
ACRM Early Career Development Course Chair, Assistant Professor, University of Texas Medical Branch

**ATTENDEE PERSPECTIVE...**



"Not only is there a broad range of professionals/ academicians/ researchers you can learn from and talk to, but the break outs are set up such that you are in a more intimate environment in which you can ask real, specific, pressing questions... Having attended the Early Career Development Course, I have access to any of the individuals who presented — everyone is willing and open to help support your career as much as they can." —**Dr. Valerie Hill**, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Southern California

**ACRM = serious mentoring**  
starting with the Early Career Development Course...

**...the best advice you've not yet heard. Don't miss this career lifting experience.**

Although significant schedule changes are not anticipated, sessions and presenters are subject to change. Please see the app for the latest: [ACRM.org/app](http://ACRM.org/app)