



The HVC-ASCEND Program

Heart Valve Collaboratory – Advancing Structural heart Care through Equity and Network Development

Goal: To support early-career underrepresented minority structural heart physicians by providing individualized mentorship and guidance from key stakeholders within the structural heart community, with the ultimate aim of improving access to structural heart care for patients in underserved areas.

Structure and Duration of Program

Duration: HVC-ASCEND is a 2-year program. Cycle 1 will run from January 2025 to December 2026 and will include 4 participants.

Components

1. Faculty roles at TCT and NY Valves
2. Membership in CRF-run data safety monitoring board or clinical events committee
3. Participation in FDA-run training sessions on basics of regulatory science for early investigators
4. Invitation with support for travel expenses to the annual in-person HVC Leadership meeting held in Washington DC
5. Individual mentoring meetings with select members of academia, FDA, and industry
6. Development of manuscript or research project in area of structural heart disease under mentorship of primary HVC mentor

Eligibility

The HVC-ASCEND program is open to interventional cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons or echocardiographers with a focus in structural heart disease who are interested

Applicants must:

1. Be a practicing interventional cardiologist, cardiothoracic surgeon or Echocardiographer with a primary clinical focus in transcatheter therapies used to treat structural heart disease.
2. The candidate must be a minority by the standard NIH definition – this includes American Indians (including Alaskan Natives, Eskimos and Aleutians), Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific islanders, Blacks or African Americans and Hispanics or Latinos.
3. Be an early-career physician (defined as having completed fellowship within the past 10 years).

How to Apply/Required Documents

The following items must be submitted for consideration for this program:

1. Basic Application Form: <https://wkf.ms/3Ue7ZLJ>
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. A Statement of Interest (500 words or less) detailing how the program will support the applicant's career advancement and how the applicant plans to leverage the program to enhance local diversity initiatives.
4. Letter of Reference

Please submit to admin@heartvalvecollaboratory.org by November 30, 2024.

Questions

Please contact Maribel Cazares at admin@heartvalvecollaboratory.org.