



skin of color
SOCIETY

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Please submit your application through the SOCS website. Applications open in late Summer and are due in the Fall. Specific dates are announced on a yearly basis.

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Mentee Ana Maria Viteri with mentor Rebecca Vasquez at the 2023 AAD Annual Meeting, 2022 Mentorship Program



Mentee Alexander Bang with mentor Dr. Bernice Kwong at the 19th Annual SOCS Scientific Symposium, 2022 Mentorship Program

Mentorship Program

The Skin of Color Society (SOCS) Mentorship Program is a comprehensive initiative that connects young physicians and medical students with an approved skin of color expert from SOCS. Mentoring will be provided for up to one year starting in March.

What does participation in the program involve?

- An **annual meeting** with your mentor at the Skin of Color Society Scientific Symposium
- **Professional development meetings** (in-person or virtual) 3 to 4 times per year to discuss goal-setting, practical ways to increase knowledge in skin of color and more
- Participating in a **short survey** in August and February each year on your mentorship program experience

Mentor-Mentee Benefits

- Build a **positive working relationship** with a mentor
- Acquire **new knowledge and skills** in skin of color
- Collaborate on **research opportunities** in skin of color.
- Enjoy **networking opportunities** with other skin of color experts
- Share **mentorship experience** with the SOCS membership and dermatology community

Who is eligible to be a Mentee?

- Individuals who maintain active membership in SOCS with up-to-date dues payment.
- AND
- Are either medical students, dermatology residents, or fellows/young dermatologists who have completed their residency within the last three years.

Who is eligible to be a Mentor?

- Individuals who maintain active membership in SOCS with up-to-date dues payment.
- AND
- They should be practicing dermatologists or dermatology residents.
Note: Residents have the opportunity to serve as both mentors (to medical students) and mentees (matched with practicing dermatologists).

Mentor-Mentee Pairing

Young physicians are paired with an approved mentor either by their preference or through allocation by the SOCS Mentorship Committee. Due to high demand for the program, not all mentee applications will be matched with a mentor.

Ready to take the next step? Here's how to get involved:

- Ensure you're a member or in the process of becoming one of the Skin of Color Society (SOCS). You must have active membership or a pending application to be eligible.
- Complete the Mentorship application form, including all necessary documents. For more information and to access the application form, visit [skinofcolorsociety.org/mentorship-programs/](https://www.skinofcolorsociety.org/mentorship-programs/)