

APPENDIX A

LINCATS-K12 Program Mentorship Agreement Template

The purpose of this template is to assist mentors and mentees in documenting mutually agreed upon goals and parameters that will serve as the foundation for your mentoring relationships. This template is expected to be altered to meet individual needs.

[1] **Goals** (what you hope to achieve as a result of this relationship; e.g., gain perspective relative to skills necessary for success in academia, explore new career opportunities/alternatives, obtain knowledge of organizational culture, networking, leadership skill development, etc.):

[2] **Steps to achieving goals** as stated above (e.g., meeting regularly, manuscripts/grants, collaborating on research projects, steps to achieving independence, etc.):

[3] **Meeting frequency** (frequency, duration, and location of meetings):

[4] **Confidentiality:** Any sensitive issues that we discuss will be held in the strictest of confidence. Issues that are off limits for discussion include:

[5] Plan for **evaluating relationship effectiveness** (e.g., bi-annual review of mentorship meeting minutes, goals, and outcomes/accomplishments):

[6] **Relationship termination clause:** In the event that either party finds the mentoring relationship unproductive and requests that it be terminated, we agree to honor that individual's decision without question or blame.

[7] **Duration:** This mentorship relationship will continue as long as both parties feel comfortable with its productivity or until:

[8] Provide in-kind and financial **support** for research and career development activities.

Mentor's Signature _____

Mentee's Signature _____

Date _____