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Additionally, he is passionate about mentoring the next generation of investigators, especially women and ethnic minorities who are traditionally under-represented in research and medicine. His commitment to mentoring is evident in the number of mentees he oversees, the quality of his interactions with faculty, trainees, and students, as well as strong trajectories of mentees moving from trainees to faculty, and promotion through faculty ranks. Over the past 15 years, he has provided extensive mentorship opportunities to students, fellows, interns, post-doctoral fellows, and junior faculty members. In 2011, he was awarded an NIH NIDDK K24 grant that provided protected time for mentoring and funds that he used to support his mentees in conducting pilot studies to position them for federal funding opportunities. During the 11 years of his K24, he mentored 42 junior (Assistant Professors) and mid-level (Associate Professors) faculty, 20 fellows, 12 postdoctoral scholars, 13 doctoral students, 45 medical students, 11 undergraduate students, and 24 high school students. In addition, he served on 12 PhD committees and 4 Master’s Thesis committees. He currently serves as the primary mentor on 3 NIH funded K-grants, and an American Diabetes Association Junior Faculty Award focused on addressing health disparities through development and testing of innovative interventions incorporating social determinants of health.