Our BIRCWH pre-approved mentors are nationally recognized leaders with expertise in interdisciplinary women's health and sex/gender differences research in the four areas that are the primary foci of our BIRCWH application: (1) cancer, (2) behavioral health, (3) aging women's health, and (4) health equity and trauma-informed care. Our mentors cross the spectrum of basic, clinical, translational, and population science, and include experts in community-engaged research.

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BIRCWH Scholar applicants may choose mentors from outside this pre-approved list. The BIRCWH team will assist applicants in identifying qualified mentors in their research area of interest upon request.

2021-2027 Mentors

Cancer

Melissa Geller	MD,MS, FACOG	Medical School -OBGYN
Rahel Ghebre	MD, MPH	Medical School - OBGYN
Pamala Jacobson	PharmD, FCCP	Pharmacy - Experimental/Clin
Mahmoud Khalifa	MD, PhD	Laboratory Medicine
Joseph Koopmeiners	PhD	Public Health - Biostats
Shalini Kulasingam	PhD,MPH	Public Health, MCC
Carol Lange	PhD	Medical School - Pharmacology
Genevieve Melton-Meaux	MD, PhD	Medical School - Surgery
Heather Nelson	PhD, MPH	Public Health, MCC
Beth Virnig	PhD,MPH	Public Health, MCC

Behavioral Health

Gerald August	PhD	Edu. and Human Development
Mustafa al'Absi	PhD	Medical School - Biobehavioral
Timothy Beebe	PhD	Public Health; CTSI
Daniel Berry	PhD	Edu. and Human Development
Jed Elison	PhD	Edu. and Human Development
Damien Fair	PhD	Edu. and Human Development
Jayne Fulkerson	PhD	Nursing - Child Family Health
Dorothy Hatsukami	PhD	Medical School - Psychiatry
Dianne Neumark-Sztainer	PhD MPH	Public Health - Epidemiology/Maternal Health
Raghavendra Rao	MD	Medical School - Pediatrics
Alex Rothman	PhD	Liberal Arts - Psychology

Aging

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Alessandro Bartolomucci	PhD	Medical School - Integrative Bio
Kristine Ensrud	MD, PhD	Medical School – Internist and Epidemiology
Joe Gaugler	PhD	Public Health- Policy & Manage.
Erin Krebs	MD, MPH	Medicine/VA
Ling Li	PhD	Pharmacy - Experimental/Clin.

Health Disparities and Trauma-informed Care

Michele Allen	MD, MS	Medical School - Family Med.
Paul Bohjanen	MD, PhD	Medical School – Infect.Diseases
Susan Everson-Rose	PhD, MPH	Medical School, Public Health
Linda Bane Frizzell	PhD, MS	Public Health - Environmental
Katy Kozhimannil	PhD, MPA	Public Health - Policy & Manage
Susan Mason	PhD, MPH	Public Health -Epidemiology/Maternal Health
Renee Sieving	PhD, RN, FAAN, FSAHM	Nursing - Population & Systems
Rob Warren	PhD	Liberal Arts - Sociology

Other Women's Health and/or Sex/Gender Differences Specialty

Kirsten Nielsen	PhD	Infectious Diseases / HIV - Microbiology Medical School
Germaine Cornelissen Guillaume	PhD	Chronobiology Integrative Biology Medical School