## **Research Professor Track**

Research Professor Track faculty must have achieved or demonstrated the potential for autonomy as independent scientists or as part of a scientific team and excellence in initiation, direction and completion of research projects. A record of substantial teaching and mentoring within the context of one or more research programs with postdoctoral fellows, junior research colleagues, or students at any level is an expectation in the Research Professor Track.

Research Associate Professor: Appointment or promotion to this rank requires independent, distinguished, and productive research that has been consistent over a number of years and has gained national or international recognition. There should be clear evidence of in obtaining significant independent external funding as principal investigator; past the level of initial research grants and fellowships. There should be a strong record of publication in peer-reviewed journals, including numerous first-author and/or senior-author publications and evidence that this accomplishment will continue. Many researchers appointed or promoted to Research Associate Professor also have a substantial record of book chapters, abstracts, and textbook co-authorships.

A Research Associate Professor must have produced research that has achieved a national reputation. A candidate for this rank should have a record of invited national lectures, seminars, study sections, and ad hoc reviews. Candidates at this rank will have a record of substantial teaching and mentoring, both in quantity and quality, within the context of one or more research programs with postdoctoral fellows, junior research colleagues, or students at any level. Institutional citizenship is expected to achieve this rank but cannot substitute for distinguished research performance. Appointment or Promotion to Research Associate Professor signals the passage into medical academia's senior rank.