Sample Timeline for 2020 Program

January 15, 2020  **R01 Boot Camp Opening Event**  
Meet peer group members and coaches; share 5-minute elevator speeches.  
*ISME contracts should be submitted by Jan. 31*(contracts online here).  
BSRB Seminar Rooms, 5-7 PM

January 2020  **Peer Group Meeting:** Discuss Research Roadmaps, i.e., assess competitiveness. Discuss how to review effectively. Review proposals for Continuation mentees. Begin planning Chalk Talks.

ISMEs: Begin consulting individually with your ISMEs on research projects. Try to set up regular meeting times for the next 9-10 months.

February 4, 2020  **“Write Winning NIH R01 Grant Proposals” presented by Grant Writers’ Seminars & Workshops**  
Palmer Commons, Forum Hall, 8:30 AM – 5 PM  
(registration & breakfast at 8:00 AM; lunch provided)

February 2020  **Peer Group Meeting:** Discuss grant writing workshop. Dissect a funded R01 proposal in your field. Discuss Specific Aims. Plan Chalk Talks.

March 2020  **Peer Group Meeting:** Chalk Talks (resources here) and Specific Aims; how to contact NIH Program Officers; how to choose study sections; provide feedback to Continuation mentees.

Prepare and Present Chalk Talks within your departments (ISME attends; ask a dept. admin to help plan event). Contact NIH Program Officer, with coaches’ input. Identify collaborating biostatistician (if applicable).

March 2020  **Budgets & Biostats workshops:** Tips for preparing NIH budgets and the basics of biostatistics and how they enhance proposals. *Recommended:* invite your department research administrator.  
Location TBD

April 2020  **Peer Group Meeting:** Discuss how to establish collaborations. Finalize Aims; Chalk Talk debrief; proposal progress and reviews for current and Continuation mentees.

April-May 2020  Work on writing proposal (e.g., Significance/Innovation); review peers’ drafts-in-progress.

May TBD, 2020  **Coaches’ Roundtable Meeting**  
Program & mentee progress  
Location TBD, noon-1:30 pm
May 2020  Peer Group Meeting: What Happens on a Study Section? Proposal progress and peer feedback (e.g., Significance, Innovation).

Mid-Program Progress Reports
Attendance & participation reports sent to Department Chairs & Division Chiefs

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Work on writing proposal (e.g., Approach, Narrative, Budget)

June 2020  Peer Group Meeting: How to craft effective biosketches. Proposal progress and peer feedback (e.g., Approach).

July 2020  Peer Group Meeting: Proposal progress, feedback, budgets, IRB, UCUCA, etc. Identify potential External Subject Matter Experts (ESME)—consult with coaches, chairs or other mentors.

Mid-August 2020  External Reviews: Submit proposal to R01BootCamp@umich.edu to be sent to ESMEs for external review (cover sheets on R01 Boot Camp website here).


September 2020  Mock Review & Closing Ceremony
Coaches and external reviewers will convene as a mock NIH Study Section to score 2-3 proposals from mentees; Q&A about study section experiences. Celebrating the end of the program!
Location TBD

October 5, 2020  NIH deadline for new R01 proposals.

October 2020  Program Evaluation & Final Progress Reports
Mentees complete mandatory evaluation of Boot Camp experience. Final Progress Reports sent to Department Chairs & Division Chiefs.