

Sex Informed Research Collaborative Think Tank *Networking Program Request for Nominations*

In partnership with leaders from across Mass General Brigham, the Connors Center for Women's Health and Gender Biology is happy to announce that nominations are open to join the **Sex Informed Research Collaborative Think Tank (SIRCTT) [Networking Program](#)**. SIRCTT is an MGB-wide initiative aimed at facilitating scientific networking and exchanges among MGB investigators working in the field of sex-informed and women's health research or interested in learning more about this field of research.

The SIRCTT Networking Program is open to mid-career and junior investigators who are currently working in the field of women's health and/or sex-informed research or would like to add a sex-informed/ women's health lens to their current research portfolio. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to expand their networks in pursuit of interdisciplinary collaborative research and to connect and learn from experts in the field.

Program Structure

Participants interested in expanding their career in sex-informed and women's health research will participate in four meetings over the course of one year. At each meeting, they will have the possibility to interact with subject-matter experts via fireside chats and speed mentoring and to network with other investigators enrolled in SIRCTT. In addition, the Connors Center will establish supplementary support and programming including regular newsletters to disseminate available resources, events, and funding related to sex-informed and women's health research. SIRCTT members will also be featured and have access to the sex and women's health research matrix, which will facilitate the identification of potential collaborators and experts across different disciplines and methodologies within MGB.

Connors MGB Collaborative IGNITE Award

Since 2022, the Connors Center, in collaboration with the MGB Chief Academic Officer, launched a funding opportunity to foster scientific collaborations advancing sex-informed and women's health research. [Click here to see a list of previous awardees](#). The networking program intends to help investigators to establish collaborations to pursue this and other internal and external funding opportunities.

Eligibility

Candidates will be required:

- To have a current appointment at an MGB Institution.
- Be at the level of Research Fellow, Instructor, or Assistant Professor
- To be interested in or currently doing research on women's health, sex-differences, sex and/or gender informed research.
- To be able to attend four 75-minute meetings over the course of 12-18 months.
- To have a doctoral degree (MD and/or PhD or equivalent).

The program is open to both US and non-US citizens. We strive to create an inclusive community of researchers that will bring unique perspectives not only in their life experiences, but also through their life experiences.

Nomination Process

This RFN will remain open through **April 25, 2025**. Those interested can submit a brief nomination form via a [RedCap Survey](#). This form will request information on your current research interests allowing program staff to organize networking groups. In addition, we ask

1. Personal Statement – ½ page overview of research and interest in the program.
2. CV – No more than five pages.

Networking Program

Upon receiving nominations, the Connors team will form cohorts of 8–10 investigators with complementary research interests. Participants will be notified by email about their nomination and provided with details on the schedule for networking meetings. Meetings are expected to begin in June 2025 and will occur every 3-4 months. Each meeting will last 75 minutes, including fireside chats, speed mentoring and networking.

Questions

Please contact Annie Walsh, Connors Center Sr. Project Manager, at awalsh22@bwh.harvard.edu for any questions.