

Digestive Diseases Research Center Academy of Investigators Workshops 2025-2026

A Career Development Workshop series, which is part of the Vanderbilt DDRC enrichment program. The goal of the series is to support trainees' and junior faculty members' knowledge base and comfort level in dealing with the "non-science" aspects of a career in academic medicine. The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month during the academic year in MRB IV, Room 10455, from noon to 1 pm. This is a lunch-meeting format with guest speakers to discuss various topics.

Date	Topic	Speaker
Tuesday, September 16, 2025	VICTR Funding and Studios	Lesa Black, PhD
Wednesday, October 22, 2025	Resilience	Bertha Hidalgo, PhD, MPH Partner with Edge for Scholars
Wednesday, November 12, 2025	Industry Collaborations	Sean Collins, MD, MSCI Partner with Edge for Scholars
Tuesday, December 16, 2025	Essential Conversations in the Workplace	Megan Bergfeld LCSW, ACM-SW
Tuesday, February 17, 2026	Mentoring – Using Mentor-Mentee Agreements	Scott Pearson, BS
Wednesday, March 4, 2026	PCORI & Gift Funding	Panel Partner with Edge for Scholars
Wednesday April 7, 2026	VDDRC Retreat Focus: Gastrointestinal Infections and Injury	Karen Ottemann, PhD Igor Brodsky, PhD
June 2026	Career Development Symposium	TBD