**VALIDATE Mentoring Application Template**

The VALIDATE Network aims to accelerate vaccine research and development for complex intracellular pathogens that cause diseases significant to low and middle-income countries (LMIC), with an initial focus on *Mycobacteria, Leishmania spp,* and *Burkholderia pseudomallei.* VALIDATE also aims to facilitate Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and career progression amongst its members.

As part of these aims, we have a mentoring scheme in which we partner post-doctoral researchers / early PIs with Senior Scientist mentors from within VALIDATE. Requesting a mentor is open to scientists from all regions but we particularly welcome applications from LMIC scientists.

To be eligible to apply, you must be a VALIDATE Associate or Investigator (VALIDATE membership is free; to join visit our [website](https://www.validate-network.org/joining-validate)).

Each mentoring relationship will run for 12 months. All mentees will be expected to provide a short report at the end of their one-year mentoring relationship, for inclusion in Network outcomes and publicity (comments from which may be anonymised and shared with our funders or in VALIDATE publicity).

For information about mentoring, how having a mentor can help your career, and how the VALIDATE mentoring scheme works please visit our [website](http://www.validate-network.org/mentoring).

Please submit your application form and associated documents **as a single pdf** by 4pm (UK time) on the closing date to our Network Management Team at [VALIDATE@ndm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:VALIDATE@ndm.ox.ac.uk). Do address any queries about your application to the VALIDATE team, at the same address.

**Application**

*By applying for a mentor you agree to VALIDATE sharing this data with your potential mentor.*

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| **1. Applicant Details** | |
| Name |  |
| Job title |  |
| Organisation (that your job is held at) |  |
| Country |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Nationality |  |
| VALIDATE network membership level | Investigator  Associate |

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| **2. Career** - please outline your career to date and your career aspirations (500 words) |
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| **3. Mentoring Opportunity** – please describe why you would like a mentor and how you feel having a mentor will benefit your career (max 500 words) |
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| **4. Mentor** – please list 2-3 Investigators in the VALIDATE Network that you feel would be relevant mentors for you. Please note, due to high demand we cannot guarantee one of these will be assigned as your mentor, but we will do our best to match your preference as well as research area, skills and experience, and career aspirations |
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| **5. Required additional documents** – please include the following with your application: |
| CV (2 page) and publications list (1 page)  Letter of Support from your current Research Group Leader / line manager |

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| **6. Signature** – please sign and date this form before submission |
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