

Women in Science, Dentistry, and Medicine Professional Achievement “WISDM” Award

Joyce A. Lloyd, Ph.D.



Joyce Lloyd, Ph.D. came to VCU as an Assistant Professor in 1991 and earned the title of Professor with Tenure in 2008; she currently serves as Vice Chair of Education and Faculty Affairs, Department of Human and Molecular Genetics. Dr. Lloyd has had a consistently strong academic career and in recent years has emerged as an impactful leader, supporting faculty in their career development, advocating for women faculty, and training underrepresented minority scientists.

Dr. Lloyd’s Department Chair, Paul B. Fisher, M.Ph., Ph.D., describes her accomplishments. “...she has worked with me relentlessly to improve the quality and fairness of the annual faculty evaluation process, create a structure to nominate faculty for awards and competitive faculty development programs, to adjust faculty teaching and service efforts to more fully utilize their talents, to recruit senior faculty members to the Department, and to facilitate the promotion process.” Dr. Lloyd currently serves on the steering committee for the NSF

ADVANCE-IT grant, which is working to make institutional changes to help promote women faculty members.

Dr. Lloyd has contributed 35 peer-reviewed publications and 3 book chapters. She has served as scientific reviewer and study section member for multiple NIH agencies, and as reviewer for 40 journals. Remarkably, she has served on 125 dissertation and thesis committees for PhD, MD/PhD, and MS students in 11 different VCU graduate programs in three schools. She has served as Course Director and annual lecturer for dozens of graduate and medical school courses. For the past 5 years, Dr. Lloyd has been a permanent member of the NIH DDK-D review group, a study section that reviews K and T32 awards for NIDDK. For the past two years she was the leader of the national PREP program directors’ organization and she was appointed to the council of program directors who advise NIGMS program officers. She is also on the steering or advisory committees for 4 NIH training grants.

Former colleague Suzanne E. Barbour, Ph.D., Dean and Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics, UNC Chapel Hill Graduate School, describes Dr. Lloyd’s impact. “Dr. Lloyd has had an enormous impact on VCU SOM and on VCU as a whole. She has built three VCU programs from the ground up (PREP, IRACDA and the Wright CCTR Cancer and Molecular Medicine PhD concentration). PREP is a post-baccalaureate research training program for underrepresented students which has been funded by NIH/NIGMS since 2010 and has impacted 56 trainees, most of whom are either currently in PhD programs, or have already earned their PhD. VCU IRACDA is a postdoctoral research and teaching training grant that is also NIH/NIGMS-funded since 2010 and serves underrepresented postdocs and minority serving institutions. VCU IRACDA has served 18 trainees, most of whom are now University faculty members. The Wright CCTR PhD program was started in 2012, and has now served almost 30 trainees, 12 of whom have now earned their PhD or MD/PhD and moved on to the next steps in their scientific careers.”

Marcie S. Wright, Ph.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Population Health and Director of Research Support Services for the VCU Center on Health Disparities states, “Because these research training grants have brought almost \$12 million in funding to VCU, they are responsible not only for training scholars but have also had a positive impact on the research in the School...More than 100 faculty in the SOM have benefited from scholars who are paid for their research work through the NIH/NIGMS grants.”

Dr. Lloyd was selected as a fellow in the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM®) program in 2019. This 1-year national fellowship is designed for senior women faculty who demonstrate the greatest potential for assuming executive leadership positions in schools of medicine.

For her longstanding commitment to supporting the academic success of her students and peers, we proudly recognize Dr. Joyce Lloyd with the 2020 WISDM Professional Achievement Award.