



Health Behavior Research (HBR)

Call for Special Issue

“Mentorship in Health Behavior Research”

Mentorship is a reciprocal endeavor where knowledge and skills are transferred to improve the work performance and trajectory of one or both parties. Based on the commitment of AAHB to cultivate research careers through professional development opportunities, and the organization’s commitment to fostering mentored research partnerships, this Special Issue will highlight professional products stemming from research mentee-mentor relationships.

While the Academy offers formal research mentorship opportunities (e.g., the Research Scholars & Mentorship Program), mentorship transcends the borders of the Academy. This Special Issue will feature manuscripts resulting from mentorship experiences. Any manuscript with a mentor(s) and mentee(s) as contributing co-authors (including students) will be considered.

The following article types and topics will be considered:

- 1. Research Articles** are original empirical manuscripts. This category includes novel empirical research in addition to cutting-edge and/or innovative methodologies or techniques used to answer health behavior research questions.
- 2. Research Briefs** are smaller-scale Research Articles. This category includes pilot (or preliminary) studies, studies that report the validation process for surveys/instruments, and overall smaller-scale studies to answer health behavior research questions.

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Deadline for Submissions: April 18, 2025

***Note:** We encourage you to submit your manuscript early. **The review of manuscripts will start after the deadline.** It is anticipated that this special issue will be published in December 2025.

Submission Requirements: At least 1 author is a mentee and at least 1 author is a mentor (membership to AAHB is not a requirement for submission).

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