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Introduction:

I am a Professor in the department and had continuous funding as PI for nearly 30 years. I have also previously served as Vice-Chair for Research and served on the tenure and promotions committees in the Office of the Provost, and the School of Medicine (committee chair) in the area of distinction of Scholarship.

Area(s) of expertise:

I am a neuropharmacologist focused on mechanisms of action of pharmacotherapeutics used in the practice of psychiatry, HPA axis regulation, and pharmacokinetics in laboratory animals.

Relevant personal details:

My interest in neuropharmacology was cemented when I saw 2 motorcycle gang members put windowpane LSD in their conjunctival sacs during intermission at my first rock concert (Foghat) in 10th grade.

Approach to mentoring and availability:

I have considerable close hand experience with how senior faculty and department chairs assess faculty development and expectations for academic success. This is particularly germane to research intensive faculty. I am happy to share these experiences with all who ask but the onus is on the faculty member to independently work on meeting these expectations. I am planning to retire in the summer of 2025.