



RCCN Workshop Travel Awards for Early Career Investigators

“Resilience and Reserve in Aging”

November 12-13, 2019

Austin, Texas

The goal of the NIA’s [Research Centers Collaborative Network \(RCCN\)](#) is to bring together researchers from the 6 NIA Centers programs to foster the development of cross-center collaborations around issues important to the health and well-being of older adults.

The RCCN is sponsoring a workshop series to address problems of high relevance to multiple NIA Center programs. These workshops will feature the sharing of paradigms, conceptual models, and key insights from perspectives of the participating centers programs.

The third workshop, *“Resilience and Reserve in Aging”*, will be held November 12 and 13, 2019 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Austin, Texas. Topics will include the biology of resilience, social network influences on resilience and reserve, erosion of reserve by chronic stress, physical recovery from planned surgery, and contributors and interventions to build resilience and reserve, to name a few.

The format of the workshop will include a series of brief talks (think TED talks) providing high level conceptual introductions of key aspects of the workshop topic. Presentations will be followed by moderated discussions. The meetings will have a dedicated sessions discussing areas that would be most promising for inter-center collaboration. An RFA for trans-disciplinary pilots will be issued following each workshop available to investigative teams with researchers from two or more different center programs to address promising areas arising from the workshop proceedings.

Travel Awards are available for approximately 10 early career investigators or investigators in-training, who will participate in a special session at the meeting that will focus on career development. The travel awards will cover travel to and from the meeting, meals, and hotel accommodations. Successful applicants will be from institutions with at least one [NIA supported center](#), and who have demonstrated translational or multidisciplinary interests in aging related to the workshop topic. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups are particularly encouraged to apply. For applicants who are not selected for this award but are still interested in attending the meeting, limited space may be available.



Eligibility

To be considered for an RCCN Travel Award, applicants must:

- Be an advanced doctoral student (have completed all requirements for the degree except for the dissertation), postdoctoral fellow or an early stage investigator as defined by the NIH (<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/index.htm#definition>)
- Be at an institution with at least one NIA Sponsored Center (e.g., Shock, Roybal, RCMAR, OAIC/Pepper, ADRC, or CDEA).
- Have demonstrated interest in translational and/or multidisciplinary interest relevant to the workshop topic
- Be available to attend the entire meeting
- Be willing to present either a poster or brief oral presentation of on-going or recently completed work

Selection Criteria

- Qualifications of the applicant
- Academic environment
- Demonstrated interest in a career relevant to translational and/or multidisciplinary research in aging.
- Support of the Director of one the 6 qualifying NIA Centers

Application:

Submit the application form, and NIH biosketch, as well as a brief statement from a NIA Center Director to AFAR to elizabeth@afar.org by Wednesday, **September 4, 2019**. Decisions will be made no later than September 20, 2019.

Questions? Any questions about the workshop or the travel stipend can be directed to Elizabeth Pritchett-Montavon at elizabeth@afar.org.



2019 RCCN Workshop

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Travel Award Application Form

Please attach your NIH-style biosketch and send your application as a PDF file to elizabeth@afar.org no later than September 4, 2019

Applicant:

Title:

Degree(s):

Institution:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

E-mail:

Phone:

Are you willing to contribute to writing a section of a manuscript about the workshop- which will be submitted for publication: ___ Yes ___ No

In no more than 500 words please provide a statement of interest and what do you hope to gain from attending the workshop.

A brief statement of support from the appropriate Center Director (100 words or less)