



## RCCN Workshop Travel Awards for Early Career Investigators

### *“Life Course Perspectives on Aging”*

April 21-22, 2020

Bethesda, Maryland

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 fourth workshop, *“Life Course Perspectives on Aging”*, will be held April 21 and 22, 2020 at the NIA offices in Bethesda, Maryland. The scope of the workshop is broad and will include discussions about the early life influences, the role of chronic and acute stress, and models and mechanisms that inform life course research, 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](mailto:elizabeth@afar.org) by **Friday, February 14, 2020**. Decisions will be made no later than **Monday, February 24, 2020**.

**Questions?** Any questions about the workshop or the travel stipend can be directed to Elizabeth Pritchett-Montavon at [elizabeth@afar.org](mailto:elizabeth@afar.org).



## 2020 RCCN Workshop

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#### Travel Award Application Form

Please include your NIH-style biosketch and send your application as **one PDF file** to [elizabeth@afar.org](mailto:elizabeth@afar.org) no later than February 14, 2020

**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)