



RCCN Workshop Travel Awards for Early Career Investigators

“Aging, Race, and Health Disparities”

June 28-29, 2022

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 seventh workshop, *“Aging, Race, and Health Disparities”*, will be held June 28 and 29, 2022 in Bethesda, Maryland. The scope of the workshop is broad and includes these themes: frameworks for understanding disparities, methodological approaches for disparities research, biologic/physiologic bases for the emergence of disparities, and disparities in health care & research participation.

The format of the workshop will include a series of brief talks (think TED talks) providing high level conceptual introductions of key aspects as they relate to aging, race, and health disparities. 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 on June 28, 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 your application using this form](#) for the virtual travel award for the 2022 RCCN Workshop "Aging, Race, and Health Disparities" by **Friday, May 6, 2022**. Decisions will be made no later than **Friday, May 13, 2022**.

Please complete the form and upload one PDF that includes the following: Statement of interest (500 words or less), NIH-style biosketch, and Statement of support from the appropriate NIA Center Director (100 words or less). The statement of interest should address what you hope to gain from the workshop.

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