



RCCN Workshop Travel Awards for Early Career Investigators

“AI and Health Behaviors for Healthy Aging”

Pre-Workshop ECI Session: June 23, 2025

June 24-25, 2025

Virtual

The goal of the NIA’s [Research Centers Collaborative Network \(RCCN\)](#) is to bring together researchers from the 7 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 twelfth workshop, *“AI and Health Behaviors for Healthy Aging”*, will be held virtually June 24-25, 2025. The scope of the workshop is broad and includes these themes: Discrete Behaviors, Long-Term Changes, AI in a Larger Context, and Challenges and Opportunities.

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 AI and health behaviors for healthy aging. Presentations will be followed by moderated discussions. The meeting will have a dedicated session discussing areas that would be most promising for inter-center collaboration.

[Pilot funding](#) for collaborative research is available for researchers affiliated with two or more different center programs to address promising areas arising from the workshop proceedings.

[Virtual Travel Awards](#) are available for approximately 10 early career investigators or investigators in-training, who will participate in a special pre-workshop session on **Monday, June 23 from 12-3pm ET** that will focus on career development.

In addition to being able to fully participate in the virtual workshop, travel awardees will be able to opt for the RCCN to fund their registration, travel, and accommodation cost up to \$2,000 for one of the following meetings:

- [2025 Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting](#)
- [2026 a2 Symposium](#)



Successful applicants will be affiliated with 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, they can register for the public meeting presentations. Detailed information about the meeting and how to RSVP will be available about two months before the workshop.

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 affiliated with an institution with at least one NIA Sponsored Center (e.g., AITC, 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 and the ECI session on June 23
- Be willing to present a 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 7 qualifying NIA Centers

Application

[Submit your application using this form](#) for the virtual travel award for the 2025 RCCN Workshop "AI and Health Behaviors for Healthy Aging" by **Friday, April 11, 2025**. Decisions will be made no later than **Friday, April 18, 2025**.



Please complete the form and upload one PDF that includes the following: [Cover Page](#), 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.