The Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award Program is offering up to 5 travel awards to early stage clinically-trained investigators who could benefit from the opportunities provided by the Beeson Annual Meeting and who could potentially enhance and diversify the Beeson Scholars pool in the future. The travel award (up to $2,000 per person) is intended to cover travel to and from the meeting, and hotel accommodation. Successful applicants will be conducting basic, translational, clinical, or patient-oriented research in disciplines relevant to aging and geriatrics. Individuals from underrepresented groups, as defined by the NIH, are particularly encouraged to apply.

The Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging (K76) (Beeson Award) aims to develop a cadre of talented scientists prepared to take an active leadership role in transformative change that will result in improved health care outcomes for older persons. Beeson Scholars are clinically trained (primarily physician) early-stage investigators who have begun to establish research careers and have shown leadership potential; they will use their Beeson award to further acquire the skills, tools, and resources to have a significant impact in their field of expertise. The meetings are an essential component of the Beeson program and provide resources to these early-stage investigators who are prepared and willing to take an active leadership role in transformative change that will lead to improved health care outcomes. The most recent requests for K76 applications are available at: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-AG-24-014.html (no clinical trial) and https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-AG-24-015.html (clinical trial required).

The first Beeson Annual Meeting took place in 1995, and an annual meeting has been held each subsequent year. The annual meetings support career development and help advance leadership skills. In addition, the annual meetings facilitate the development of a collective identity and cohesiveness among the Beeson Scholars and other members of the Beeson community. The meetings support the mission of the NIA by fostering the development of clinician-scientists in aging, and by providing a platform for exchanging and disseminating information about aging/geriatrics and advances in aging research to the scientific community. The 2023 Beeson Meeting will be held in conjunction with the ClinSTAR Meeting, which will take place November 14 – 16 at the same location.

This year’s meeting will be held November 15 - 17, at Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa. There are typically about 100 meeting participants, which include current and alumni award recipients, mentors, and foundation and NIH staff. A preliminary program may be accessed at this link: https://www.afar.org/2023-beeson-annual-meeting.

Eligibility
To be considered for the Beeson Annual Meeting Travel Award, applicants must be:

- An early-stage clinically trained investigator at a US not-for-profit institution
- Must have at least two original publications as first or senior author
- A US citizen or permanent resident
- Conducting research in basic, translational, clinical, or patient-oriented research in disciplines relevant to aging and geriatrics
- Available to attend the entire meeting

The following Individuals are encouraged to apply: individuals from underrepresented groups as defined by NIH; individuals from institutions that lack robust aging/geriatrics research and/or mentorship programs; and individuals at institutions with access to vulnerable populations of older persons permitting scientific investigation of understudied areas that has the potential to reduce health care disparities.

Applicants can NOT be:

- A current or alumni Beeson Awardee
- A recipient of an NIH-funded career development K award (recipients of KL2/K12 awards are eligible if the award is no longer than 2 years) or VA Career Development Award
- Planning to submit a Beeson K76 application for the October 2023 deadline
- Submitting an application for a 2023 Clin-STAR meeting travel award
- Federal employees, except for federally funded postdocs/fellows and VA employees who are eligible to apply for a K or VA equivalent award

Selection Criteria

- Qualifications of the applicant
- Academic environment
- Demonstrated interest in a career relevant to aging and/or geriatrics

Application:

Submit the Beeson Travel Award Application Form and NIH biosketch here no later than September 18.

Questions? Any questions about the program or the travel stipend can be directed to Hattie Herman at hattie@afar.org