Travel Awards

The Clinician-Scientists Transdisciplinary Aging Research Coordinating Center (Clin-STAR) Coordinating Center and the Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Awards in Aging Program are offering travel awards to early stage clinically-trained investigators who could benefit from the opportunities provided by the Clin-STAR or Beeson Annual Meetings. The purpose of each meeting is to support career development, advance leadership skills and facilitate networking. In addition, the annual meetings promote the development of a collective identity and cohesiveness among the attendees and other members of the Clin-STAR and Beeson communities. 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. We are planning to hold the meetings in person, but will consider alternative options, if needed, to ensure the safety of participants.

Eligibility requirements are provided below, while additional descriptions and preliminary agendas are available here:

Clin-STAR Meeting Travel Award Guidelines – November 15 – 17

Beeson Meeting Travel Award Guidelines – November 16 – 19

Applicants for the Clin-STAR Meeting will generally be more junior than those for the Beeson Meeting, e.g. postdoctoral fellows, instructors, and early assistant professors who are MD or PhD specialists conducting research to better understand the physiologic changes, complex care challenges, and patient centered needs of older adults. Some candidates for the Clin-STAR Meeting may be planning to apply for a Grants for Early Medical and Surgical Specialists’ Transition to Aging Research (GEMSSTAR) award.
Applicants for the Beeson Meeting, may currently hold a GEMSSTAR award and/or may be planning to apply for a Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging (K76).

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To be considered for the Clin-STAR Annual Meeting Travel Award, applicants must be:

- An early-stage clinically-trained investigator (e.g. postdoctoral fellow, instructor or early assistant professor) at a US not-for-profit institution
- Specialists who are conducting research in basic, translational or clinical, or Patient-Oriented Research (POR) relevant to aging and geriatrics
- Must have at least one original publication as first or senior author
- A US citizen or permanent resident
- Available to attend the entire meeting, November 15 - 17

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

- An early stage clinically-trained investigator (e.g. assistant professor) at a US not-for-profit institution
- Conducting research in basic, translational or clinical, or Patient-Oriented Research (POR) in disciplines relevant to aging and geriatrics
- Must have at least two original publications as first or senior author
- A US citizen or permanent resident
- Available to attend the entire meeting, November 16 - 19

Applicants can NOT be:

- A current or alumni GEMSSTAR Awardee
- A federal employee, except for federally funded postdocs/fellows and VA employees who are eligible for a career development award (K or VA equivalent).
- 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
- A federal employee, except for federally funded postdocs/fellows and VA employees who are eligible for a career development award (K or VA equivalent).
The **Selection Criteria** are the same for both awards:

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

For both travel awards, 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 have the potential to reduce health care disparities.

There is ONE application for both awards which can be downloaded [here](#). Applicants who are eligible for both awards may apply to both. However, successful applicants will receive only one travel award to attend one meeting. Applications should be uploaded to [this form](#) no later than **September 19, 2022**.