AGING Initiative MCCs Scholars

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Today’s Speakers

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The program will create a cohort of emerging leaders who are committed to pursuing training and collaborative opportunities to align their research interests and agendas with issues relevant to the health and healthcare of older adults with MCCs.

- The AGING Initiative will select **up to 8 Scholars per year**
- The scholarships will provide travel and accommodations for a **training workshop to be held April 2019 in Arlington, VA**
- Over the subsequent year, scholars will participate in **six webinar-based career development teleconferences** based on 4 curricular elements:
  1. Significance of Multiple Chronic Conditions
  2. Resources and tools for MCCs researchers
  3. Enabling meaningful patient/caregiver engagement
  4. Professional/leadership development for investigators
- The MCC Scholars Program aims to foster a nationwide community and mentoring network to extend and sustain MCC research
The most common chronic condition experienced by older adults is multimorbidity, the coexistence of multiple chronic diseases or conditions.

77% percent of persons aged 65 years and older have 2+ chronic medical conditions.

Patients with MCCs are frequently excluded from participation in clinical trials.

Older adults with MCCs are the heaviest users of health care services. The 12% of Medicare beneficiaries with 6+ chronic conditions account for:

- 43% of total Medicare spending,
- 50% of Medicare spending on hospitalizations,
- and nearly 70% of post-acute Medicare costs.
Engage Patients and Families in All Aspects of Research

- Identify opportunities to improve care and outcomes
- Facilitate research of high value to patients and providers
- Connect academic and health system researchers
- Train and support new scientists dedicated to studying MCCs

PATIENTS & CARE GIVERS
Intangible Benefits of Participation

- Grant Review
- Peer Collaboration
- Senior Mentorship
- Networking Opportunities
- Interaction with NIA Representatives
- Exposure to two national strongholds of AGING research
Who Should Apply to be a Scholar?

- MD, PhD, or equivalent degree (e.g. DO, AudD, DPT)
- Evidence of commitment to research in a field relevant to MCCs and/or aging
- Pre-tenure. Preference given to applicants who have not yet attained independent (i.e., R01 level) funding
- Must attend the in-person workshop on April 24-25, 2018 and 6 webinars during the Scholarship year (may attend additional webinars in future years, if desired)
- We encourage applications from trainees, early stage investigators, and individuals from groups under-represented in research careers (e.g., women, ethnic/racial minorities, people with disabilities)
- Applicants who wish to collaborate with other investigators interested in MCCs
How to Apply

- The online application can be found here: https://arcsapps.umassmed.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=TEXJ4PYDKP

- In addition to institutional and demographic information, you will be asked to upload a NIH-style CV/biosketch and provide short responses (400 words or less) to describe:
  - Your interests and aspirations related to MCC research
  - Prior accomplishments and/or evidence of potential to lead or participate in collaborative research
  - Your goals for participating in the MCC Scholars Program
Key Dates

- Applications Due November 30, 2018 at 11:59pm
- Selected Scholars will be notified by January 30, 2019
- Workshop will be held in Arlington, VA on April 24-25 (in conjunction with the Pepper Centers Annual Meeting)
More details about the AGING Initiative can be found online here:
https://theaginginitiative.wordpress.com/mccs-scholars/

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