NIA Organizational Structure

Office of the Director/Deputy Director
Dr. Hodes/Dr. Kelley
- Office of Special Populations (Patrice Jones)
- Office of Legislation/Policy/International Activities
- Office of Communications and Public Liaison
- Office of Planning, Analysis, and Evaluation

Division of Extramural Activities

Intramural Research Program

Division of Aging Biology
Division of Behavioral and Social Research
Division of Geriatrics and Clinical Gerontology
Division of Neuroscience
Grants for Early Medical/Surgical Specialists’ Transition to Aging Research (GEMSSTAR)

- An NIA “pre-K” award program for junior faculty physicians or dentists interested in a research career bridging their specialty and aging
- R03 mechanism ($100k/year for 2 years) plus evidence of a supportive research career environment (Professional Development Plan)
- GEMSSTAR scholar conferences lead by ClinSTAR
- Yearly announcement with receipt date typically in Fall
- Current competition: RFA-AG-22-027; LOI due 10/2/21, Appl Due Date November 3, 2021, Funding July-Aug 2022
- All communications about GSTAR:
  - niagemssstar@mail.nih.gov

GEMSSTAR FAQ Website
Mentored Career Development Awards

- Parent K01 (Research Scientist), K08 (Clinical Scientist), K23 (Patient-Oriented) - 3 cycles/yr- $100k/yr

- 2022 Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging (K76) “K deluxe” - set-aside -7-10 awards - 1 cycle/yr-

- LOI Due 9/22/21, Application Due- 10/22/21 funding approx. 8/2022
  - RFA-AG-21-020 Clinical Trial Not Allowed
  - RFA-AG-21-021 Clinical Trial Allowed

- $225k/yr for 3-5yr (direct costs)
- Future leaders in aging research
- Leadership experience, prior grant requirement dropped
- Health-related research or clinical doctoral degree, including, but not limited to PhD, MD, DO, DDS, DMD, OD, DC, PharmD, DN and DVM. Early Stage Investigator status
- May have K but must justify why need more training
- Annual Conference

- https://www.afar.org/research/funding/beeson/

- K99/R00 - two phase accelerator award, 2yrs/3yrs
Introducing: Clinician-Scientists Transdisciplinary Aging Research (Clin-STAR) Coordinating Center

- Independently funded:
  Invest/Leaders in Aging/Specialties

- 200+ Beeson Scholars:
  Aging Research Leaders (MD, PhD, SW, RN, Etc)

- T Franklin Williams & Jahnigen Scholars (specialists) MD/DO

- 184 GEMSSTAR
  32 specialties
  MD/DO/DDS

- MSTAR, Butler-Williams, F31/32

- Actively Engaged in Research:
  MD, PhD, SW, Therapists, Rehab, Nurses, Psychologists

- Research Collaboration
- Networking
- Mentoring & Career Development
- Research Resources
- Educational Advances

Clin-STAR
Clinician - Scientists Transdisciplinary Aging Research Coordinating Center

NIH National Institute on Aging

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(AFAR, PI, Gill)
To develop an organizational structure that will facilitate the exchange and dissemination of scientific and research knowledge on aging and the care of older persons.

To provide mentoring and career development support for emerging investigators committed to pursuing aging research in their clinical discipline.

To stimulate aging research, foster networking and collaborations across disciplines, and identify and support high priority and understudied areas of aging research.

To develop and implement strategies for assessing the effectiveness of the Clin-STAR program and to use this information to guide future directions and report outcomes to stakeholders.

Website: Clin-STAR.org  Twitter: @ClinSTARCC
What is it?
- Virtual community of clinically focused researchers to facilitate collaboration, networking, research opportunities, career development, mentoring and consolidate resources. Funded by NIA by 5 year U24. Administrative Supplement- to collaborate with AGS (Rising Star Program) and help to integrate surgery community and AGS Annual Meeting.
- List-serv informs of opportunities, Database facilitates interactions/searching/ resource sharing/remote mentoring, etc.

Who is for?
- Clinician researcher focused on bridging specialties and geriatrics - any discipline, any training/career level. NIA-funded free resource.

How does it facilitate transdisciplinary aging research?
- “One Stop Shop” for webinars, funding opportunities, research and career resources. We welcome posting pertinent info from your specialty.
- Database of aging specialty researchers - ability to connect with those in various specialties on a specific problem, finding like souls, how to set up a geriatric specialty aging practice, collaborating and extending specialized techniques/tools, multisite clinical trials, specific interest groups, medical/surgical projects, finding a mentor.
- Pilot funding, Office hours for mentoring, Mini-Sabbaticals, Distinguished Professor Program, Webinars on various research topics, upcoming series in JAGS, opportunities to collaborate with leaders in field or access geriatric/aging resources., annual meeting.

What’s in it for me (my specialty community)?
- Please encourage those in your field interested in aging/geriatric research to sign on to the ListServ to keep on top of upcoming opportunities (webinars, funding, mentoring, career development, etc)
- Please encourage those in your field interested in aging/geriatric research to sign into the database (5-7 min) which will allow you to interact/search/collaborate, etc with those in the community. You are the GAS which fuels the ClinSTAR initiative.

https://www.clin-star.org/
Additional NIA Resources

People and Resources

- Butler-Williams NIA Summer Institute - week long aging ‘course’ at NIA - 50 scholars, each summer
- Established NIA-Funded Centers
  - Research Centers Collaborative Network (RCCN)
  - OAIC, Nathan Shock, Roybal, RCMAR, ADRC
- NIA/NIH Measures and Instruments
  - PROMIS, NIA Toolbox, Clin-STAR
- NIA/NIH Cohorts
- Establish NIA-Funded Networks
  - AGING, Deprescribing, Emergency Medicine, Delirium
- Clinician-Scientist Transdisciplinary Aging Research Coordinating Center (Clin-STAR)
- IMPACT Collaboratory
- U.S. Deprescribing Network
- Your Program Officer!

Funding Opportunities

- Council Approved Concepts for Funding Published after each Council Meeting (see blog next few weeks)
  https://www.nia.nih.gov/research/initiatives/approved-concepts
- Loan Repayment Program - up to $50k/yr
- Pilot Studies - from Networks and Centers (RCCN)
  - Clin-STAR Pilot Grants
  - IMPACT Collaboratory
  - AGING Initiative- Multiple Chronic Conditions Scholars, Webinars, Pilots grants
  - Pepper Centers - Older Adult Independence Centers
  - Geriatric Emergency care Applied Research (GEAR) Network-
  - US Deprescribing Network

- GEMSSTAR, AD/ADRD R03, Beeson K76 - joins you to a community of scientists

NIA Blog  www.nia.nih.gov/research/blog