



Inaugural Clin-STAR Annual Meeting

November 17-18, 2020



What is Clin-STAR?

The Clin-STAR Coordinating Center provides a national platform for clinicians focusing their careers on aging research in order to improve patient-centered care for older adults across specialties and disciplines.



Aims

- **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**



Broad Range of Strategic Initiatives

- **Clin-STAR website, social media presence, and database that connects Clin-STAR investigators**
- **Webinars, annual meetings and content-focused transdisciplinary interest groups**
- **Identify and partner with other relevant networks**
- **Provide mentorship and professional development resources**
- **Support pilot grants, mini-sabbaticals and visiting professorships**



Target Audiences

Clinician-Scientists from a broad array of medical, surgical, dental and other disciplines with an interest in aging research

- GEMSSTARs, Beesons, Butler-Williams, MSTAR, NIA K23/K08 grantees, etc.
- Investigators with limited backgrounds in aging/geriatrics research
- Investigators from institutions that lack robust aging/geriatrics research programs and/or mentorship

Organizational Chart





Executive Committee

- **Thomas Gill, Co-PI**
- **Jeremy Walston, Co-PI**
- **Kristine Yaffe, Co-PI**
- **Odette van der Willik, Co-PI**
- **Sue Ziemann, NIA Medical Officer**
- **Stephanie Lederman, Co-I**

- **Erin Beck, Program Manager**



Annual Meeting Planning Committee

- Chris Carpenter
- Thomas Cudjoe
- Liz Dzeng
- Tom Gill
- Brendan Lucey
- Carolyn Seib

THANK YOU!



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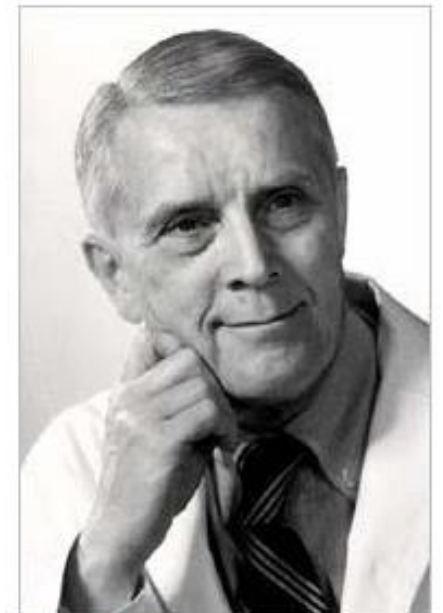
Coming up next:

Information for GEMSSTARs Considering Applying to Beeson

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National Institute on Aging

Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging (K76)

2nd Annual Clin-STAR Meeting
November 17, 2020
Cyberspace
Basil Eldadah and Sue Zieman
Division of Geriatrics and Clinical Gerontology
NIA/NIH



Dr. Paul Beeson

Objective of the NIH Emerging Leaders CDA (K76)

“...to help develop a cadre of talented scientists prepared to take an active leadership role in transformative change that will lead to improved research or healthcare outcomes. This program supports basic or clinically trained faculty members who seek additional research, professional career and leadership skills essential for assuming a leadership role in an increasingly global biomedical workforce. NIH Emerging Leaders are early-stage investigators conducting research who have shown early signs of leadership and who will use this award to further develop the tools, skills and resources to have a significant impact as leaders in their field of expertise. These skills will prepare them to assume academic leadership roles and independent careers in an emerging discipline within their professional specialty.”

When in doubt or questions – please call a program officer!

Transitional NIA Training Officer: Rene Etcheberrigaray
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Early Stage Investigator (ESI) Status

What is ESI?

NIH defines an *Early Stage Investigator (ESI)* as a Program Director / Principal Investigator (PD/PI) who has completed their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, within the past 10 years and who has not previously competed successfully as PD/PI for a substantial NIH independent research award.

What is the benefit of having an ESI status?

ESI applications with meritorious scores will be prioritized for funding by the institute or center receiving the application.

How can I check if I have an ESI status?

Check the Education section of your eRA Commons profile. ESI status is determined automatically by functionality built into eRA Commons. The status is based on the investigator's record of receiving NIH grants and the completion date of his/her terminal research degree or the completion of post-graduate clinical training entered into the eRA Commons personal profile.

Where can I find out more?

You can find more information here:

<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/index.htm>

Related NEXUS posts: <https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/tag/esi/>

FAQs: <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/faqs.htm>

Will I lose ESI status if...

YES

- It has been more than 10 years since my terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training and I have not experienced situations that qualify for an ESI extension request. (See these [FAQs about ESI Extensions](#).)

MAYBE

- I am the PD/PI (or multi-PD/PI) on an NIH award.
 - Yes, if you successfully competed as a PD/PI for a substantial independent research award.
 - No, if you are the PD/PI of an award on our [list of smaller grants & awards that maintain ESI status](#).
- I am the PD/PI (or multi-PD/PI) on a multi-project award.
 - Yes, if you successfully competed as a PD/PI for the overall multi-project application.
 - No, if you led a component but were not the PD/PI of the overall application.

NO

- I'm a Co-Investigator on the grant. (NIH only recognizes senior/key with the role PD/PI as principal investigators.)
- I'm the PD/PI on a subaward or subcontract.
- I became the PD/PI due to a change of investigator action. (If you did not compete successfully as the PD/PI for a substantial NIH independent research award you won't lose status.)

The RFAs

Department of Health and Human Services

Part 1. Overview Information

Participating Organization(s)	National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Components of Participating Organizations	National Institute on Aging (NIA)
Funding Opportunity Title	Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging (K76 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Activity Code	K76 Emerging Leaders Career Development Award
Announcement Type	Reissue of RFA-AG-20-010
Related Notices	NOT-OD-20-054 - Notice of Special Interest: Administrative Supplements to Promote Research Continuity and Retention of NIH Mentored Career Development (K) Award Recipients and Scholars)
Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number	RFA-AG-21-020
Companion Funding Opportunity	RFA-AG-21-021 - K76 Emerging Leaders Career Development Award
Number of Applications	See Section III. 3. Additional Information on Eligibility .
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number(s)	93.866

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-21-020.html>

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Activity Code	K76 Emerging Leaders Career Development Award
Announcement Type	Reissue of RFA-AG-20-011 - Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging (K76 Clinical Trial Required)
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Common features of Beeson K76 with K08/K23 awards

- Cannot have been a PI on an R01, P01 (including project PI), other major award
 - Current/former PI on R03, R21, R34, R36 still okay
- Requirement for minimum 75% effort in early years
- Research plan + career development plan
- Salary cannot be used for mentors, secretarial/administrative assistants

What's special about a Beeson award? (1/4)

- Once yearly receipt date
 - Feb 3, 2021; Oct 22, 2021; Oct 21, 2022
 - Current announcement covers all receipt dates for new and resubmission applications
- Review
 - Peer-review by special emphasis panel (not standing NIA study section)
 - No need to indicate study section preference

What's special about a Beeson award? (2/4)

Eligibility

- Early-Stage Investigator status (no R01-type funding and within 10 years of terminal degree) at time of award
- Current/prior research support expected
 - “hold or have had prior competitively awarded research support as a PD/PI at the faculty level” or
 - “have leveraged faculty-level research development support to advance and develop an independent line of research”
- Research or clinical doctoral degree (e.g., PhD, MD, DO, DMD, DDS, OD, DC, PharmD, ND, DVM)

What's special about a Beeson award? (3/4)

Prior evidence of leadership

- In either clinical duties or research activities
- Should reflect engagement in and commitment to advancing the candidate's field
- Examples
 - Organizing seminar series, conferences, or symposia at national meeting
 - Organizing workshops
 - Institutional, regional, or national committee leadership
 - Scientific interest group leadership

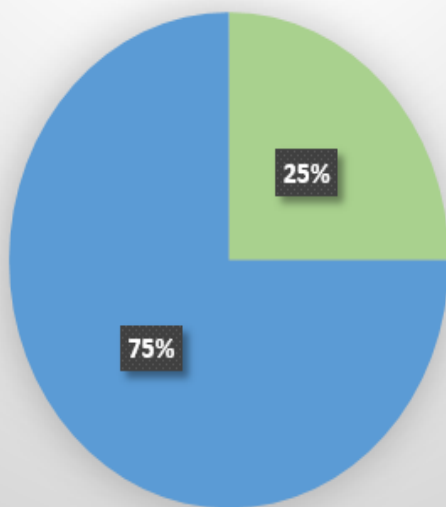
What's special about a Beeson award? (4/4)

Budget

- Up to \$225,000 / year in direct costs
- No RFA-specific salary limit (but must still keep within NIH salary cap - \$197,300 in 2020)
- 75% minimum effort in earlier years and 50% minimum effort in final two years similar to other mentored K awards
 - <https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2017/10/11/clarifying-percent-effort-and-support-for-career-development-k-awardees/>

100% Full-Time Professional Percent Effort for K award PIs

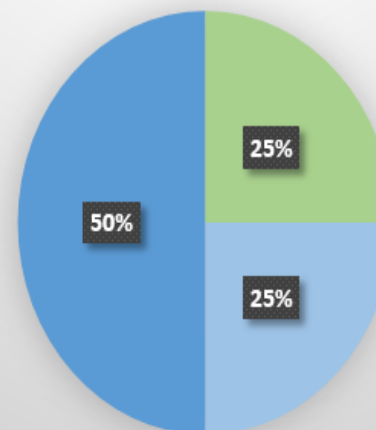
75% minimum devoted to K award (50% minimum for certain clinical specialties). *Salary supplementation* must be from non-Federal source



Up to 25% not devoted to K award. *Salary compensation* may be from Federal grant or non-Federal source, including salary support for research, teaching or clinical duties.

Percent effort for *mentored* K award PI with independent federal funding during the final 2 years of their K award*

50% minimum devoted to K award. *Salary supplementation* must be from non-Federal source



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25% research and career development. *Salary compensation* only if PD/PI on Federal grant

* Only for K award programs 3-5 years long. See NIH Guide Notice [NOT-OD-08-065](#) for full policy details

What's special about a Beeson award?

You also become a part of the Beeson community

Annual
Meeting

Networking

Mentoring



Research
Resources

Collaboration

Beeson K76 award funding

- Funding is through set-aside (rather than payline)
- NIA intends to commit \$2 million per year in 2021-2023
- Set-aside sufficient for ~7-10 new awards each year
 - This includes both RFAs
- Currently we do not expect additional funding for AD-related applications beyond the set-aside

Can I apply for a Beeson and a regular mentored K award?

Yes, but...

- NIH prohibits the same aims under review in two places at the same time
 - “Under review” = from the day you submit your application to the day you receive your summary statement
 - See <https://public.csr.nih.gov/ForApplicants/SubmissionAndAssignment/DRR/evaluationofapplications>

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If I already have a mentored K award (e.g., K12, KL2, K08, K23), can I apply for a Beeson award?

Yes, but...

- New aims should be different or build on existing K aims
- Additional years of career development time beyond 5 years need additional justification

Am I a Competitive Beeson Candidate?

- **Contact your PO (email specific aims, CV or Biosketch)**

Thank you – general RFA questions?



Breakouts!