



## 2024 CLIN-STAR ANNUAL MEETING

Hyatt Lodge, Oakbrook, IL

**November 19–21, 2024**

### Travel Award

The [Clinician-Scientists Transdisciplinary Aging Research \(Clin-STAR\) Program](#) is offering up to 10 travel awards to early-stage clinician-scientists who could benefit from the opportunities provided by the Clin-STAR Annual Meeting. The travel award (up to \$2000 per person) is intended to cover travel to and from the meeting, meeting meals and hotel accommodations. Applicants across clinical disciplines and specialties who conduct transdisciplinary basic, translational or clinical aging research are eligible.

The Clin-STAR Coordinating Center provides a national platform for clinician-scientists focusing their careers on aging research to improve patient-centered care for older adults across specialties and disciplines. Although important progress has been made through initiatives that integrate geriatrics and aging research into the medical, surgical and other clinical disciplines, further significant commitment is needed to train the future leaders in aging research. The Clin-STAR Coordinating Center accelerates these efforts by offering activities and resources for the cultivation, connection, and synergy of clinician-scientists from disparate disciplines and institutions across the U.S.

The Clin-STAR Annual Meeting abuts the Annual Beeson Meeting which convenes recipients of the [The Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging \(K76\)](#). The annual Clin-STAR meeting supports 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 meeting typically includes about 70-80 participants which include current [Grants for Early Medical and Surgical Specialists' Transition to Aging Research \(GEMSTAR\) Awardees](#), Clin-STAR pilot grantees, Clin-STAR Health Equity Scholars, Travel Awardees, Clin-STAR Core Leadership, speakers, and NIA staff.

**A preliminary program may be accessed at this [link](#).**



## Eligibility

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
- Conduct transdisciplinary research in basic, translational or clinical, or Patient-Oriented Research (POR) relevant to aging and geriatrics
- Have at least **one** original publication as first or senior author
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Be available to attend the entire meeting **November 19–21, 2024**

The following individuals are encouraged to apply: individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups; 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.

Please note that Travel Awardees will be expected to participate in all meeting activities, including a Data Blitz and poster session.

Applicants can NOT be:

- A current or alumni GEMSSTAR Awardee
- Prior Clin-STAR meeting travel awardee
- Cannot hold a K08/K23 or K99 (K12 okay)
- Federal employees, with the exception of federally funded postdocs/fellows and VA employees who are eligible to apply for a K award

## Selection Criteria

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

[LINK HERE](#) FOR THE APPLICATION FORM DUE SEPTEMBER 4, 2024.

**Questions?** Any questions about the program or the travel stipend can be directed to Andrea Sherman, [andrea@afar.org](mailto:andrea@afar.org).