



2026 CLIN-STAR ANNUAL MEETING

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November 17-19, 2026

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 (valued up to \$2000 per person) is intended to cover travel to and from the meeting, meeting meals and hotel accommodation. 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 will include about 50-60 participants, including 2025 [GEMSSTAR Scholars](#), Clin-STAR Awardees, Travel Awardees, Clin-STAR 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 17–19, 2026**

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

Applicants can NOT be:

- A current or alumni GEMSTAR Awardee
- Prior Clin-STAR meeting travel awardee
- Cannot hold a K08/K23/K01 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

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR THE APPLICATION FORM DUE AUGUST 17, 2026.

Questions? Any questions about the program or the travel stipend can be directed to Andrea Sherman, andrea@afar.org.