American Federation for Aging Research
Southeast Affiliate at Emory University

Kensington-Hartford Travel Award in Geriatrics
Request for Proposals

The Kensington and John A. Hartford Foundation have combined their efforts to improve the health care of older persons, primarily in Georgia. Like the rest of the country, Georgia is suffering from a healthcare workforce shortage that will be compounded by the aging of Georgia’s large baby-boomer population. For example, Georgia ranks ninth in population but falls to 35th in the number of physicians. As the state works to improve health care for older people, the lack of faculty available to provide training to future professionals will become more pronounced. Therefore, a program to help recruit potential future faculty in geriatrics and gerontology was identified as a critical point of interest and investment. The Kensington-Hartford Travel Award in Geriatrics is funded by the Kensington Foundation and administered by the John A. Hartford Foundation, American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR), and Emory University, Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology.

Program Components

- A grant to cover conference registration and travel expenses to attend the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, November 18 - 22, 2009 (up to $2,000 of qualifying expenses)
- A year’s paid membership to the GSA
- Ticket to breakfast at the annual conference and networking meeting with other Kensington-Hartford scholars and distinguished leaders in geriatrics

Program Objectives

- Expose doctoral students, fellows, and junior faculty to important topics in geriatrics and gerontology, and encourage them to pursue academic careers in geriatric social work, nursing and medicine
- Prepare the next generation of physicians, nurses, and social workers for leadership and patient care roles

Program Eligibility

- Applicants must be a student enrolled in a doctoral program, post-graduate resident, fellow trainee and/or junior faculty member (6 years or less since university appointment) from one of the seven major Georgia universities (Georgia State University, the University of Georgia, the Medical College of Georgia, Clark Atlanta University, the Medical Center of Central Georgia, Emory University and Mercer University)
• Applicants must secure the sponsorship of a faculty member in their program. This sponsor will write a letter of recommendation for the proposed travel award
• Applicant must be a United States citizen or have a permanent alien status

Program Requirements

**Pre-award**

• Applicants must submit via email and no later than **5:00 EST on Friday, August 28, 2009** to [brooker@emory.edu](mailto:brooker@emory.edu):
  o Contact information, including phone number, address, email
  o Current position title, date and location of all degrees earned
  o A short essay (750 words or less) demonstrating the applicant’s commitment to geriatrics and gerontology

• A Word or PDF file with a letter of support from the sponsoring faculty member. The letter of support should indicate the faculty member’s and institution’s commitment to the applicant’s career development in geriatrics or gerontology.

A committee of leaders in Georgia from geriatric medicine, psychiatry, nursing, and social work will choose the top 2 – 3 candidates from each discipline.

Applicants will be notified of the award no later than **Friday, September 11, 2009**, at which time they will be asked to submit additional information required to receive the grant award.

**Post-award**

• Scholars are required to submit a brief report (750 words or less), via email one month post conference attendance to [brooker@emory.edu](mailto:brooker@emory.edu). This report will detail the impact of the meeting on the scholars professional development.

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