

**DATE AND LOCATION**

July 10-16, 2004  
Queenstown, MD

**DESCRIPTION**

The Summer Institute on Aging Research offers new researchers intensive exposure to issues and challenges in research on aging. New researchers are defined as those who have received the M.D., Ph.D. or other doctoral level degree, are at the beginning stages of a research career, and demonstrate a capacity or potential for highly productive independent research. The doctoral degree may be in the biological, clinical, behavioral or social sciences.

The program of the Summer Institute includes lectures, seminars, and small group discussions in research design relative to aging, including issues especially relevant to aging of ethnic and racial minorities. Lectures will cover topics in research on aging, including: the biology of aging: genetics and Alzheimer’s disease: and health, behavior and aging. Discussion sessions will focus on methodological approaches and interventions. The program will also include consultation on the development of research interests and advice on preparing and submitting research grant applications to the National Institute on Aging.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Applications will be accepted from emerging researchers, including those who may have had limited involvement in research on aging. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or lawfully admitted for permanent residence. Forty participants will be selected based on:

1. *previous experience and training;*
2. *affiliation with a research facility;*
3. *letters of recommendation;(send with application*
4. *a brief statement of objective for attending the Summer Institute; and*

5. *significance of research proposal abstract to include significance of the problem, approach, and innovation.*

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**Expenses for travel will be reimbursed. Lodging and meals will be provided by the sponsors.**

**DEADLINE**

Applications and letters of recommendation must be received by March 1, 2004. Applicants will be notified regarding acceptance within 60 days.

Attach the following to the application form:

- Typed statement of 150 words or less describing your objectives in attending the Summer Institute.
- Letters of recommendation from two persons who are familiar with your professional interests and scholastic achievements. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure receipt of letters of recommendation.
- One-page research proposal abstract, with the title in bold print describing research hypothesis or questions, significance of research, and proposed methodology to include a plan for analysis.
- Copy of a recent resumé or curriculum vitae.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION**

Contact Office of Special Populations, NIA, at address below or telephone (301) 496-0765 or e-mail [taylor\\_harden@nih.gov](mailto:taylor_harden@nih.gov).

**SEND ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:**

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