



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2016 UR GERIATRIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2015**

The URSMD Division of Geriatrics & Aging is pleased to announce the call for applications for the Geriatric Scholars Program. The Geriatric Scholars Program is funded by the recently awarded HRSA Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program grant. The Geriatric Scholars Program is open to junior and mid-career faculty from the School of Nursing and School of Medicine & Dentistry with an interest in geriatric medicine who wish to spearhead program development through geriatric education within their Program, Division and/or Department. The Geriatric Scholars Program will enhance the Scholars' teaching and leadership skills and facilitate their career development as academic leaders with a clinical, educational and/or research niche in geriatrics. Scholars will be provided with support and oversight from a geriatrician and senior subspecialty faculty mentoring team. The goal is that Scholars in turn will mentor trainees in their discipline ensuring a 'trickle – down' effect of all developed geriatrics educational initiatives. The use of the team model ensures the maximum educational impact with incremental increase in the impact of learner numbers at each level.

### **The UR Geriatric Scholars Program is designed to:**

- Develop faculty with a niche in geriatrics who create innovative education programs to improve the care of older adults by increasing the geriatric knowledge and skill of physicians and nurses at various levels of training and professional development, from students to senior faculty
- Promote interspecialty and interprofessional training, collaboration, and improve the quality and safety of older adult care in the UR Health System

### **In this program, Scholars will work closely with Division of Geriatrics & Aging Faculty Mentors to:**

- Identify knowledge and skills gaps in older adult care and geriatric principles within their Program, Division, and/or Department
- Lead program development to improve quality of care for older adults through the development and implementation of competency-based education projects
- Provide mentorship and guidance to trainees (students, residents and chief residents) as they develop their own geriatric projects
- Evaluate the effectiveness and impact of the education program
- Participate in UR Division of Geriatrics grant-related education activities
- Disseminate scholarly products in local and national forums

### **Eligibility**

The UR Geriatric Scholars Program is open to UR School of Nursing and UR School of Medicine & Dentistry junior and mid-career faculty members who are committed to academic careers and have an interest in geriatric program development. Three Scholars will be selected annually. A one year renewal dependent on productivity and scholarly product dissemination will be available to recipients.

### **Selection Criteria**

- The applicant's commitment to program development and medical education at the undergraduate, graduate or continuing medical education level as part of his/her anticipated career trajectory
- The applicant's willingness to serve as a mentor and educator of trainees and faculty

- Identification of a suitable mentor from their Program, Division and/or Department for the project and documentation of mentor's support
- Support from the applicant's Program, Division and/or Department Chair
- Preference will be given to applications which address health disparities, cultural competence and include the care of rural older adults.

**Stipend:** An annual stipend of \$10,000 will be provided to the recipient's Department / School to provide salary support, travel and other related expenses for the Scholar.

### **Application Materials**

1. One- two-page personal statement explaining your career path and benefits of participation in the Geriatric Scholars Program including ideas for program development in geriatric education
2. *Curriculum vitae* highlighting educational contributions and leadership
3. Two letters of support (Scan and email PDFs, no hard copy please)
  - a. Program / Department Chair or Division Chief
  - b. Proposed Departmental mentor (If the Dept. chair, then a letter of recommendation from a senior faculty member.)

**Please submit applications electronically by Friday November 20, 2015 to:**

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The Geriatric Scholars Program is funded by the recently awarded HRSA Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) grant. This 3-year \$2.5 million award establishes and operates a geriatric education center for health care workforce development that maximizes patient and family engagement and improves health outcomes for older adults. This will be one of the largest geriatric educational initiatives to date for our region, serving a 17 county area of the Finger Lakes and meeting the needs of both rural communities and the greater metropolitan region of Rochester. The focus is on integrating geriatrics with primary care and creating linkages with community based supports and services. Additional background on the program and a list of all awardees nationally can be found at:

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants/geriatricsalliedhealth/gwep.html>

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