

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2016 UR GERIATRIC FACULTY SCHOLARS PROGRAM



APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2016

The URSMD Division of Geriatrics & Aging and the Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center (FLGEC) are pleased to announce the call for applications for the Geriatric Scholars Program. 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 gerontology and geriatric medicine who wish to spearhead program development through geriatric education within their School, 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 and gerontology. Scholars will be provided with support and oversight from a geriatrics clinician (e.g., advanced practice nurse in gerontology and/or geriatrician) and a senior nursing and/or physician 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 interprofessional team model ensures the maximum educational impact with incremental increase in the number of learners at each level.

The UR Geriatric Scholars Program is designed to:

- Develop faculty with an interest in gerontology and geriatrics who create innovative programs that 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 interspeciality and interprofessional training and collaboration to improve the quality and safety of older adult care throughout UR Medicine.

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 URM, UR Medicine, and the broader Rochester community.
- 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 geriatrics projects.
- Evaluate the effectiveness and impact of the education programs.
- Participate in FLGEC grant-related education activities.
- Disseminate scholarly products in local and national forums.

Eligibility

The UR Geriatric Faculty 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/gerontology program development. Three Scholars will be selected annually. A one-year renewal, dependent on funding availability, productivity and scholarly product dissemination, will be available to recipients.

Selection Criteria

- The applicant's commitment to program development and medical, dental and nursing education at the undergraduate, graduate, and/or continuing professional 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 School, Program, Division and/or Department for the project and documentation of mentor's support
- Support from the applicant's School, Program, Division and/or Department Chair
- Preference will be given to applications which address health disparities, cultural competence, or 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 for the Scholar.

Application Materials

1. A two-page personal statement explaining your career path and goals for participation in the Geriatric Faculty 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 copies please)
 - a. School (Dean) / Program / Department Chair or Division Chief
 - b. Proposed Departmental mentor (If the Department Chair, then a letter of recommendation from a senior faculty member.)

Please submit applications electronically by Friday, November 11, 2016, 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>