Saint Louis University Gateway Geriatric Education Center
Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program

2016-2017 Geriatric Leadership Scholar Program

Developing competent faculty in gerontology who have the skills to teach and assess students is key to improving future care for older adults. To develop healthcare faculty with expertise in geriatrics, the Geriatric Leadership Scholars Program (GLS) will provide support for one-year to a maximum of three junior healthcare faculty to enhance their geriatric knowledge and skills, including salary support for a minimum of 2 months/year, mentorship, and professional education through the host institution. Each scholar will work with students in the GWEP Clinical Training programs, develop leadership skills and be exposed to a year-long lecture series and continuing education offerings. Each scholar’s experience will be tailored to meet her or his needs for professional development.

Scholars will be involved in developing and delivering clinical geriatric education specific to her/his discipline to students, primary care professionals, and patients and their caregivers. This program will be open to junior healthcare faculty throughout Missouri. Successful applicants will be chosen based on their curriculum vitae and a letter of application outlining their goals for applying for the support. Preference will be given to applicants who will increase the diversity of the workforce and who work in medically underserved areas. The selection committee will include: Dean or dean’s designee from the Saint Louis University Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health, and Public Health, a faculty member from ATSU, and Project and Co-Project Directors. Applicants will be provided with the following information:

Criteria: 1) Junior faculty in a health profession—assistant professor from any Missouri university; 2) Interest in geriatrics—demonstrated effort or interest in developing expertise; 3) Discipline-specific clinical experience; and 4) Support from institution (able to commit to 320 hours/year and to work in clinical training project).

Award: 1) $30,000/year salary support; travel funds for national conference (American Medical Directors Association); 2) Participation in GEC GWEP-sponsored educational events and mentor in discipline; and 3) Development of clinical geriatric education.


Application: Submit the following materials in a single pdf to Dr. Marla Berg-Weger, Saint Louis University Gateway Geriatric Education Center; bergwm@slu.edu:
1) Curriculum Vitae
2) Background/Area of Scholarship Interest and reasons for interest in this program;
3) Support letter from Department Chair/Director

For more information on the GWEP, please visit www.aging.slu.edu and direct questions to Dr. Berg-Weger at 314/977-2151; bergwm@slu.edu.

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