

THE SGIM/ACGIM/ASP T. FRANKLIN WILLIAMS SCHOLARS AWARD IN GERIATRICS

BACKGROUND

The Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM), Association of Chiefs of General Internal Medicine (ACGIM), and the Association of Specialty Professors (ASP) are pleased to announce the third call for awards of the T. Franklin Williams Scholars Award in Geriatrics. This award is intended to support the professional development of junior physician-scientists in divisions of General Internal Medicine who are conducting research that seeks to improve our understanding of important health care problems of older adults or of strategies to improve the care of older adults.

The T. Franklin Williams Scholars Award is offered by SGIM, ACGIM, and ASP with the generous support of the Atlantic Philanthropies USA (Inc). SGIM and ACGIM will join eleven other organizations that offer the award in collaboration with ASP. The other sponsoring organizations include the: American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology; American College of Rheumatology Research and Education Foundation; American Diabetes Association; American Society of Clinical Oncology; American Society of Nephrology; CHEST Foundation of the American College of Chest Physicians; Infectious Diseases Society of America; Society for Geriatric Cardiology; the American Heart Association, American Society of Hematology, American Gastroenterology Association; and American Geriatrics Society.

The award provides \$75,000 in project support over two years (\$37,500/year) to junior faculty who are devoting 75% or more of their effort to research that addresses important issues in aging. The award must be matched by a career development award (or other similar award) that provides for 75% protected time for research. None of the award funds can be used to support the salaries of the applicant and his or her mentors (see below). This award does not provide for institutional indirect costs.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant Requirements

The award is open to individuals with a MD or DO degree, who have completed an allopathic Internal Medicine residency, who have not completed a fellowship training program in geriatrics or have not received added qualifications in geriatrics from the American Board of Internal Medicine, and who meet the following additional eligibility criteria:

- ◆ Have completed a 2-3 year general internal medicine fellowship or an equivalent post-residency training program providing advanced training in research methods leading to an advanced degree (e.g., MPH, MS, PhD).
- ◆ Have a full-time faculty appointment (Instructor or Assistant Professor level) in a division of general internal medicine by July 1, 2009. For applicants who do not hold such a position at the time of submission, a letter from the Department Chair must be provided indicating that the applicant will have this position at the time of the award.
- ◆ Be within the first four years at the assistant professor level at the time the award would be granted.

- ◆ Have a career development award from the NIH (including NIH Minority Supplement Awards), Department of Veterans Affairs, foundations, or other private or government sources that would be concurrent with the Williams Award. The current CDA must provide support for applicants to devote 75% or more time to research. Applicants with awards that will expire over the course of the Williams award but that are renewable over this period are eligible.
- ◆ Demonstrate a long-term commitment to conducting research to improving the lives of older adults and to enhancing the institutional environment for geriatrics. This commitment should be reflected in the applicant's prior research projects and be demonstrable in the applicant's clinical and educational activities and responsibilities.
- ◆ Be a member in good standing of SGIM.
- ◆ Applicant must be citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Applicants with temporary visas are not eligible.

2. Mentorship

This is a mentored research award. All applicants must have two or more sponsors who are committed to closely supervising the proposed research project. The mentors must include: 1) the primary mentor on the applicant's concurrent career development award; 2) a physician with added qualifications in geriatrics; and 3) an individual with a primary faculty appointment in a division of general internal medicine. The mentors should have a successful track record of supporting the research development of post-graduate trainees and junior faculty and be committed to supporting the applicant during the two years of the award.

3. Institutional Sponsorship

Each application must be endorsed by the chair of internal medicine at the applicant's institution. This endorsement must include confirmation of the applicant's career development award that provides the required protected time for research and acknowledgment by the institution that the award does not provide indirect (i.e., facilities and administration) costs recovery.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT

Payments to the applicant's institution on behalf of awardees will be made by SGIM. The first award payment of \$37,500 will be made on July 1, 2009. A second payment of \$37,500 will be made on July 1, 2010. The second year's award will be contingent on progress made by the applicant during Year 1, as detailed in an annual progress report.

The award will support applicants' research projects. In addition, ASP will provide applicants with \$3000 in additional funding to support the recipient's travel to the AGS Annual Meeting in Year 1 and Year 2 and to the SGIM Annual Meeting in Year 2. SGIM will provide \$1000 to support the recipient's travel to the SGIM Annual Meeting in Year 1.

Awardees must submit a first year progress and financial reports to SGIM/ACGIM by June 15, 2010 and a final progress and financial report by August 31, 2011. Reports will be reviewed by the Chair of the Selection Committee. Failure to submit reports in a timely manner and to demonstrate substantial progress toward research goals during the first year may result in withholding payment for the second year of research.

In presenting the findings of research resulting from the SGIM/ACGIM/ASP T. Franklin Williams Research Scholars Award in Geriatrics, the funding organizations should be recognized in the

following order: Atlantic Philanthropies; Society of General Internal Medicine; Association of Chiefs of General Internal Medicine; and Association of Specialty Professors.

Awardees will be recognized via information on the SGIM and ACGIM websites, and at an announcement about the program at the SGIM and ACGIM Annual Meeting. ASP also recognizes the award recipient through the annual T. Franklin Williams Scholars Program brochure and on the ASP website.

The Award may not be transferred to another institution without the prior permission of SGIM and ACGIM. Requests for transfer must include letters of support from the department chair of the new institution agreeing to all the terms and conditions of this award.

TIMETABLE

- ◆ Applications Available on SGIM website: November 2008
- ◆ Application Submission Deadline: ~~January 13, 2009~~ **January 29, 2009**
- ◆ Selection of T. Franklin Williams Scholar: April 2009
- ◆ Announcement of T. Franklin Williams Scholar: SGIM Annual Meeting, May 2009
- ◆ Funding Cycle Begins: July 1, 2009

Award information and application materials are available on the SGIM website at:
http://www.sgim.org/impak/members_online/members/awards.asp?&action=start

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Before completing the application below, please review the qualifications for the T. Franklin Williams Scholars Award at www.sгим.org

Applications (including letters of support) should be submitted electronically on the SGIM website at: http://www.sгим.org/impak/members_online/members/awards.asp?&action=start

All applications must:

1. Be submitted no later than **January 13, 2009 at 5:00pm, EST.**
2. Follow the NIH PHS-398 requirements for font, borders, formatting and spacing.
3. No appendices are allowed.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Title page/Table of contents.** Include applicant's name, faculty appointment, department, medical school, department chair, division chief, mentors, and address, telephone, fax, and email address for each person listed. Should not exceed one (1) page.
2. **NIH biographical sketch of applicant.** Please also provide a biosketch for all participating mentors. Each biosketch must not exceed two (2) pages.
3. **Description of applicant's proposed research.** Section 3 must be limited to ten (10) pages (excluding references cited). Please address the following areas:
 - a) **Abstract of proposed research.** Outline research within 300 words or less.
 - b) **Description of proposed research.** Please include background and significance, specific aims, preliminary work (if any) and research methods. *Note: Applications will be judged primarily on scientific methodology as well as impact of research (7 pages).
 - c) **Applicant's Career Development Plan.** Describe the expected trajectory of the applicant's career advancement including the avenue toward regular and prolonged involvement in geriatrics-based activities. Include the roles of stated mentors in helping to achieve career goals. Please also describe the applicant's concurrent career development award, specifying the type, source and pertinent details of the career development award. (2 pages).
4. **Line item budget and budget narrative.** Please see attached form.
5. **Letters of Support:** Each letter must not exceed two (2) pages.
 - a) **All sponsors including the primary mentor on the applicant's concurrent career development award, a physician with added qualifications in geriatrics, and an individual with a primary faculty appointment in a division of general internal medicine.** A letter describing the role of each mentor is required.
 - b) **Chair of Internal Medicine.** Must include:
 1. Documentation of career development award running concurrently to Williams award that will allow applicant to devote 75% or more of his/her time to research.
 2. Acknowledgment by the institution that the award does not provide indirect costs recovery.
 - c) **Two letters of recommendation from faculty members and/or past supervisors who are not the Department Chair or mentors. One of these letters could be a letter of support from the Division Chief of General Internal Medicine.**

For further information, visit www.sгим.org
or call Julie Machulsky at 202-887-5150 or 800-822-3060.

**ACGIM/SGIM/ASP T. Franklin Williams Scholars Award in Geriatrics
Line Item Budget**

Please provide a budget explaining the disbursement of grant money. The amount of \$37,500 will not be available to for the scholar's salary and benefits, only research costs. The Williams Award cannot be used toward indirect costs.

Name of applicant:

Title of research:

Institutional Affiliation:

\$37,500		Year One (July1, 2009-June 30, 2010)	Year Two (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011)
1.	Research Costs (specify below)		
	a.		
	b.		
	c.		
	d.		
	e.		
2.	Other Costs (specify below)		
	a.		
	b.		
	c.		
	d.		
	e.		
3.	Total		

Please attach a budget narrative for items one (1) and two (2).

4. The applicant must disclose all other forms of monetary support including the concurrent career development award.