



Institute of Gerontology (IOG) Pre-doctoral Training Program 2024-2025

Application Deadline
4:00 pm, Tuesday, April 16, 2024

The IOG Pre-Doctoral Training Program expects to have new openings in Fall 2024 for doctoral students at Wayne State University who are committed to excellence in research and a career focused on aging, and who will have their master's degree or equivalent completed by August 2024.

Benefits of the Program

The Training Program provides significant benefits, responsibilities and opportunities in an interdisciplinary research environment. Its apprentice-model focuses on essential experiences in research, education, and community outreach related to aging and age-related research. The Training Program also provides students with structured professional development opportunities. Trainees are cultivated as junior colleagues and work closely with faculty research mentors in shared scholarly pursuits.

The specific benefits for trainees include:

- An award of \$1,500 per semester (students are permitted to have other sources of funding, unless prohibited by WSU)
- Up to \$800 to participate/present their research at the Annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) conference
- Eligibility to apply for \$500 in Fall and Winter semesters to participate in a relevant scientific conference where the student is the first and presenting author
- Advanced training and preparation for a research career, including:
 - Focus on research publications and national presentations
 - Opportunity to interact with nationally known experts
 - Broad-based professional development

Trainee Responsibilities and Expectations

- Maintain solid academic progress in your home department/school
- Be engaged actively in relevant research
- Publish one peer-reviewed publication per year
- Attend IOG Research Colloquia and Professional Development Seminars
- Present each year at our annual IOG/MPSI *Lifespan Alliance Research Day* (typically held in the Spring)
- Make one scientific presentation in a national conference per year
- Participate actively in the IOG Graduate Student Organization
- Participate in hosting scientific visitors to IOG
- Participate in IOG governance as GSO representative to monthly faculty meetings (this responsibility alternates among GSO members)
- Assist in at least two IOG community education/outreach events each year

Applying to the Program

Admission to the IOG Pre-Doctoral Training Program is highly competitive. The minimum criteria to apply to the program are:

- Completion of master's degree or equivalent before August 2024
- A strong academic record
- Research experience and productivity
- Confirmed commitment to aging research and support of a faculty member
- Sound scientific writing skills

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To apply, email a completed application to Pre-Doctoral Training Director (Tam Perry, Ph.D., at tepperry@wayne.edu) or evaluation by IOG's Training Program Faculty. Trainees accepted into the program will be enrolled in August 2024 for one 12-month period. An application package should be submitted as a single PDF file with a cover letter from the applicant (within the PDF). The application should include a letter of support from the applicant's mentor.

(The letter can be included in the PDF or emailed directly to Dr. Perry by the applicant's mentor.)

An application package must include all the following:

- *Curriculum Vitae* (max 10 pages)
- Academic transcript (from WSU only; an unofficial copy is acceptable)
- One-page personal statement of your aging-related career goals and multidisciplinary research interests
- Letter of support/recommendation from your advisor or proposed faculty mentor
- One sample of scientific writing (e.g., a class paper or first-author published work)
- Cover letter should include your reasons for wanting to participate in this training program, and how it would advance your aging-related research career. If you have previously participated in IOG events it is helpful to mention that too (e.g., attended IOG Research Colloquium series, IOG/MPSI Professional Development series, IOG/MPSI *Lifespan Alliance* Annual Research Day, or other IOG activities).

Contact the IOG Training Director for more information:

Tam Perry, PhD at tepperry@wayne.edu

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