

**Institute of Gerontology (IOG)
Pre-doctoral Training Program Application 2018-2019**

Application Deadline: Thursday, May 17, 2018

The IOG Pre-Doctoral Training Program expects to have 1-2 new openings in Fall 2018 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 2018.

Benefits of the Program

The Training Program provides a significant number of 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 \$550 to participate/present their research at the Annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA) conference
- Eligible to apply for \$300 in Fall and Winter semesters to participate in a relevant scientific conference where the student is the first and presenting author (see Supplemental Trainee Travel Award criteria)
- Advanced training and preparation for a research career, including:
 - o Focus on research publications and national presentations
 - o Opportunity to interact with nationally known experts
 - o 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 at the annual IOG/MPSI *Lifespan Alliance Research Day*
- Make one scientific presentation nationally per year
- Participate actively in the IOG Graduate Student Organization (GSO)
- 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 o Make at least one community presentation at IOG programs

Application Procedure

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

- Completion of master's degree or equivalent before August 2018
- 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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Email a completed application to the Pre-Doctoral Training Director (Gail Jensen Summers, Ph.D. at gail.jensen@wayne.edu) by **May 17th, 2018** for evaluation by IOG's Training Program Faculty. Trainees are enrolled in August 2018 for one 12-month period. An application package should be submitted as a single PDF file with a cover letter from the applicant. A letter of support from the applicant's mentor may be submitted separately. An application package must include all the following:

- *Curriculum Vita* (max 10 pages)
- Academic transcript (from Wayne State Univ 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 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., IOG Research Colloquium series, IOG/MPSI Professional Development series, IOG/MPSI *Lifespan Alliance* Annual Research Day, or other IOG activities). Contact the Director of the IOG's Pre-doctoral Training Program (Gail Jensen Summers, Ph.D.) for more information. Phone: 313-664-2622 or Email: gail.jensen@wayne.edu (