

MSTAR PROGRAM INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

The stipend level is set by the NIH/NIA and is approximately \$2,300 per month; actual amounts will vary based on the specific appointment period of individual students. Students will not receive additional funds for travel and housing.

The length of research time is determined by the student in consultation with the research mentor, but a minimum of 8 weeks (defined as 60 consecutive days excluding national holidays) of time is required and up to 12 weeks of funding may be available (some National Training Centers have predetermined program lengths).

Any allopathic or osteopathic medical student in good standing, who will have successfully completed one year of medical school at a U.S. institution by June 2025 is eligible to apply. Evidence of good standing must be provided by the medical school registrar or dean when the student is notified of receiving the award.

Applicants must be citizens or non-citizen nationals of the United States or must have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence (i.e., in possession of a currently valid Alien Registration Receipt Card I-551, or some other legal verification of such status.) Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible. Due to NIA restrictions, individuals holding PhD, MD, DVM, or equivalent doctoral degrees in the health sciences are not eligible to apply for the MSTAR Program.

The NIA and other sponsoring organizations have a strong interest in continuing to diversify the research workforce committed to advancing the fields of aging and geriatrics research. Therefore, students who are members of ethnic or racial groups underrepresented in these fields, students with disabilities, or students whose background and experience are likely to diversify the research or medical questions being addressed, are encouraged to apply.

Additionally, applicants receiving a stipend or salary support from any federal source are not eligible for this program. Applicants may not hold another award or participate in another program concurrently with the MSTAR program and must participate in the program full-time for a minimum of 8 weeks (defined as 60 consecutive days excluding national holidays) and a maximum of 12 weeks.

****These criteria have been modified by our program for clarification purposes and to reflect the current program year.**

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