



The Advanced Research Institute in Geriatric Mental Health

The Advanced Research Institute in Geriatric Mental Health (ARI) is an educational program designed to increase the number of independent investigators conducting translational, interventions, and services research in geriatric mental health. ARI is organized by Weill Cornell Medical College and sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH; R25 MH068502).

Aim: ARI's explicit goal is that each Scholar achieves NIH R01 (or equivalent) funding and assumes the responsibilities of independent scientists. More generally, ARI promotes the career development of its Scholars as researchers and mentors.

Participants: The program targets new investigators who are ready to submit grant applications for independent research funding (e.g., NIH R01). Typically, ARI Scholars have previously received a mentored career development award or demonstrated equivalent achievements. Scholars usually participate in the program for two years.

Program: ARI augments Scholars' existing resources with:

- **Mentoring:** ARI matches each Scholar with a mentor selected from a national pool of senior investigators. The ARI Mentor provides ongoing consultation to the Scholar on research grant applications and career development.
- **Spring Retreat:** ARI's annual 3-day Spring Retreat focuses specifically on each Scholar's research application. Attendees include the ARI Scholars, ARI Mentors, several senior statisticians, NIH program officers, and other experts. Scholars present their proposed research and receive feedback in daily group and one-on-one sessions with program faculty. The 2011 ARI Spring Retreat will be held at the Edith Macy Conference Center in Briarcliff Manor, NY (www.edithmacy.com), **April 6-9, 2011**.
- **Consultation:** ARI provides numerous opportunities for Scholars to obtain technical consultation from senior scientific experts through one-on-one contacts, including travel to their home institutions and labs.
- **Resources:** For Scholars who are not supported by an NIH career development award, ARI offers supplemental funds to assist in grant preparation (e.g., small pilot studies, data management resources).

Application Instructions: We are accepting applications for the 2011 ARI Cohort. Accepted applicants are expected to attend the upcoming Spring Retreat, April 6 – April 9, 2011 in Briarcliff Manor, NY. To apply, please upload the following application materials to our website in one bookmarked PDF file by **November 15, 2010**. Please make sure that the applicant's last name is in the file name. www.MentalHealthTrainingNetwork.org/institutes/ari/home

1. Cover page (including current address, phone number, email, current institution and position, one sentence on your area of research, and previous and current funding)
2. A 500-word description of your current program of research, mentoring and scientific advisory needs, and other gaps that could be addressed by participating in ARI
3. Current curriculum vitae
4. R01 (or equivalent) prospectus, draft R01 proposal, or previously submitted R01 (with summary "pink" review sheets if available)*
5. Two Letters of recommendation. *If you are submitting your letters of recommendation separately, they should be emailed to Carolyn Sedotti at cvs2002@med.cornell.edu. Please contact us so we can expect your letters.*

*The program was designed to accommodate Scholars in varying stages of research grant preparation. Candidates who have already submitted an NIH application or have a draft should send what they have prepared. Others who are earlier in the process should submit a prospectus, typically 2-3 pages, including a problem statement, aims, hypotheses, rationale and synopsis of the basic design and methodology.

Please contact us if you are unable to submit your application by the November 15, 2010 deadline.

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