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### Application Deadline

February 6, 2009

### For More Information and an Online Application

[www.afar.org/medstu.html](http://www.afar.org/medstu.html)

**"It was a tremendous honor and privilege  
to get to learn from the top geriatrics  
researchers in the country."**

— Shivi Agrawal, 2006 MSTAR scholar,  
Northeastern Ohio Universities  
College of Medicine, trained at the Johns  
Hopkins National Training Center

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The **MSTAR** scholarship program, established in 1994, provides an enriching 8-12 week experience in aging-related research under the mentorship of top experts in the field.

Aging-related research crosscuts many areas of scientific investigation — from basic sciences, to clinical research, to health services research.

The program also includes:

- Classes in research methodology
- Opportunities for research presentations and publication
- Clinical geriatrics experiences
- Information on medical careers
- Informal social gatherings and networking with fellow scholars and mentors

Students gain a wealth of experiences they might not otherwise have during medical school, especially early in their training when most scholars participate in the program.

Many former MSTAR scholars have pursued successful and varied careers in geriatrics and aging-related research.

They have joined the growing number of dedicated scientists, innovative thinkers, and talented physicians whose specialized knowledge and skills in aging are increasing in demand as our population ages.

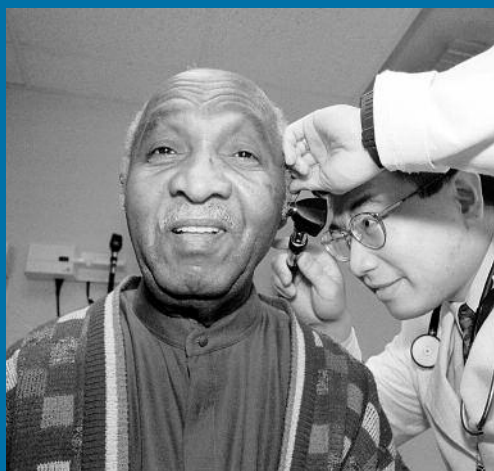


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**"The core of the program is the research experiences between the student and the mentor. Our faculty's willingness to participate is one of the most valuable features of the program."**

— Jim Rudolph, Co-director  
National Training Center  
Harvard Medical School  
1997 MSTAR scholar

## MSTAR PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Applicants compete for up to 120 positions at NIA-funded National Training Centers and Partner Sites.

Scholars may also train at their home institution if they attend a participating medical school (for a complete listing go to [www.afar.org/medstu.html](http://www.afar.org/medstu.html)).

All training sites offer excellent facilities, diverse research programs, and the opportunity to interact with other student scholars.

National Training Centers and Partner Sites are located at:

- Harvard Medical School/Partner Site at University of Mississippi Jackson Heart Study
- Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine/ Partner Sites at the University of California, San Francisco and University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
- University of California, San Diego School of Medicine
- University of Hawaii School of Medicine
- University of Michigan School of Medicine/Partner Site at Wayne State University School of Medicine
- University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine/Partner Sites at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Selected applicants are notified of their training site assignment prior to their acceptance of the award.

AFAR makes every effort to place students at the institution of their choice, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Prior to arriving at the site, accepted scholars work with their training site directors and research mentors to design an individualized research project and training program.

Scholars are expected to submit abstracts of their research and will receive a travel stipend to attend the 2010 American Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting.

A monthly stipend of approximately \$1,700 is provided.

All students enrolled in US allopathic or osteopathic medical schools can apply.

Applicants must have a faculty sponsor from their home institution.

Scholars are selected based on their academic excellence, interest in aging and geriatrics, and potential for future achievement and leadership.

### FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION

[www.afar.org/medstu.html](http://www.afar.org/medstu.html)  
or call **AFAR at 212-703-9977**  
or **888-582-2327 (toll-free)**