

October 30, 2015

Dear Colleague:

We are contacting you because of your expertise in aging research. We are interested in identifying outstanding candidates for both pre and postdoctoral appointments. We would like to encourage you to inform students affiliated with your University of this opportunity for research training in aging.

Our multidisciplinary research training program is sponsored by the National Institute on Aging and is housed here at the Andrus Gerontology Center, USC. The Multidisciplinary Research Training in Gerontology program funds seven predoctoral trainees and three postdoctoral trainees per year. These trainees are appointed by preceptors who hold faculty positions in the Graduate School, representing the Departments of Gerontology, Economics, Neuroscience, Preventive Medicine, Psychology, and Sociology. Please see the attached flyer and visit our website.

The postdoctoral training program is designed in conjunction with the preceptor mentoring the student to fit the individual needs of the trainee. Trainees are expected to carry out independent as well as collaborative research related to aging. Most of the trainees supported by this training grant work on health-related topics. Trainees are also expected to enroll in a multidisciplinary seminar and additional courses where appropriate. Evidence of successful performance is indicated by professional presentations at meetings and publication of research results. Final success is demonstrated by a position in a research environment and funded research in aging.

These NIA fellowships carry a stipend, health insurance, and travel support, and are renewable with acceptable progress. The amount of the fellowship depends on the level of appointment and experience. Fellowships are restricted to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

Predocctoral candidates should submit applications to the graduate school by the December 1, 2015 deadline.

Qualified Postdoctoral applicants should submit a letter of interest, a statement outlining their research agenda, two letters of recommendation, and a sample of written work or a recent publication. The final deadline for all applications is January 15, 2016. As a first step, it is useful to contact the both me and preceptor(s) with whom one proposes to work. People who want more information and guidance in applying to our training program should call either me or Linda Hall (213-740-8242) e-mail address: lindah@usc.edu, the project manager of our program



We look forward to hearing from you and your students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eileen M. Crimmins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E' and 'M'.

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