

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Support of Protected Time for Junior Faculty Career Development in Frailty Research Due Date: January 16, 2007

The Research Career and Development Core of the National Institute on Aging-supported Older Americans Independence Center (OAIC) of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions is soliciting proposals from junior faculty members who seek salary support of up to 40% effort over a one to two year period to support their development in careers committed to aging research and the conduct of studies related to our mission of identifying causes and developing treatments for the syndrome of frailty in older adults.

Our goal is to provide protected time, training and mentoring for individuals between fellowship and the receipt of independent funding who wish to initiate a career in research on frailty etiology or outcomes. Supported activities include basic investigation, clinical or population-based investigation, clinical trials, and the dissemination of the results of clinical trials to the broader community. Individuals will also have access to other OAIC infrastructure including the Biostatistics Core to assist in study design and data analysis and the Genetics Core for assistance in the use of genetic and genomic technologies to support their aging research. The OAIC offers training in translation and critical skills in statistics and genetics, as needed, to ensure ability of the OAIC investigators to develop into leaders in translational research on frailty. The OAIC puts particular emphasis on development of expertise in translation.

Proposals for support should include specific aims and rationale for the proposed area of research career development, a statement of its relevance to the OAIC mission, the career development plan, requested resources, and timeline. A mentor(s) or preceptor(s) should also be identified. Criteria include the importance and realistic nature of the anticipated frailty research program and whether the candidate's career development needs are consonant with OAIC goals and will benefit from OAIC support. Please also refer to the Submission Guidelines on the website (address below). Proposals should be **no longer than three pages** and are **due by January 16, 2007**. Those deemed meritorious will be followed up with subsequent interviews. Final selection and notification of funding is targeted for March 1, 2007. Funding would begin approximately July 1, 2007. Proposals should be submitted via e-mail to the OAIC Administrator, Mr. Brian Buta, at bbuta1@jhmi.edu. For background information on frailty, please refer to the bibliography posted on the website.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the appropriateness of proposed scientific goals. Please direct any questions about scientific/research issues to Gary Gerstenblith, MD, Director, OAIC Research Career Development Core at gblith@mail.jhmi.edu.

Website address: <http://www.jhsph.edu/agingandhealth/Pepper/RFPS/index.html>