

2009-2010 AGRC Mini-Grant Program in Geriatrics
Sponsored by the UCSD Academic Geriatric Resource Center (AGRC)

The Academic Geriatric Resource Center (AGRC) has funding available for a small campus-level grant program. Awards will range from \$750-\$2,500. They will be distributed to those projects that demonstrate the greatest level of feasibility and impact on the development of geriatrics at UCSD. Please note: this funding is not for faculty research projects. The purpose of this program is to provide seed money to students and/or faculty in medicine and pharmacy for the types of projects listed below.

- a) Materials and supplies for independent study projects (**ISPs**) focused on **geriatric** topics (although the ISP is research, the effort is educational); or
- b) Materials, supplies, and part-time assistance for faculty development projects, teaching efforts (including those pertaining to students in medicine, pharmacy, or nursing; residents; fellows; etc.), or curriculum development in geriatrics (examples might include appropriate incorporation of geriatrics content in the medical or pharmacy students' and residents' curricula, innovative electives, or computer-based instructional modules offered for credit); or
- c) Travel money to attend conferences that emphasize geriatric training and education, such as those sponsored by the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), Geriatrics Society of America (GSA), Association of Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE), American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), etc., and for which specific training/curriculum development objectives are evident that will yield measurable benefit(s) to one or more campus programs in aging.

How to Apply:

Please submit a brief application (3-4 page maximum; font size must be 10 point or larger) that includes ALL of the following information:

AUTHOR INFORMATION:

Faculty:

Please include your name, title, department, campus mailing code, telephone number, and e-mail address.

Medical & Pharmacy Students:

Please include your name, year in medical or pharmacy school, home address, telephone number, and e-mail address. If requesting ISP support, please include the name, title, and department of your ISP faculty advisor. Please ask your advisor to review your application before submitting it.

PROPOSAL SECTIONS:

Please include each of the sections listed below, and label each section (i.e., "Title", "Statement of Need", etc.)

1. Title:

Use a short phrase that describes the overall purpose of the proposed project. Examples:

- *ISP Support: "Assessment of Stress and Morbidity of Caregivers of Alzheimer's Disease Patients";*
- *Curriculum Development for Internal Medicine Residents: "Clinical Assessment of the Post-Operative Geriatric Patient", etc.*

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2. Statement of Need(s):

This section should include a brief summary of the educational or instructional need(s) pertaining to geriatrics that will be met by accomplishing the proposed project.

3. Objectives:

Each objective should describe a specific, measurable outcome that will be met through the project. Examples:

- *“Medical students will be able to conduct the Tinetti Gait and Balance Exam at the conclusion of Session 3.”*
- *“Pharmacy students will be able to list three gastrointestinal complications associated with NSAIDS.”*
- *“Faculty attending the conference will acquire state-of-the-art skills and knowledge regarding the design and implementation of interdisciplinary curricula in geriatrics.”*

4. Methods:

Describe the activities you will perform to accomplish each project objective.

5. Evaluation:

Provide measurement criteria for each stated objective to demonstrate whether planned outcomes have been accomplished.

Examples:

- *“After 6 months, each nursing home patient will be re-assessed to determine whether the exercise intervention has improved cognitive function and sleep patterns.”*
- *“Faculty who attend the AGS Geriatric Educators’ Conference will present highlights from sessions and share resource information with students at the AGS Student Chapter lunchtime lecture series during Spring quarter, 20xx.”*

6. Timeline:

An outline showing the approximate dates by which each major component of the project will be accomplished, including completion. (One year is the standard allocation, but additional time may be requested for projects requiring extended timelines.)

AUTHORS’ OPTION:

It may be helpful to create a single table that lists objectives, methods, and evaluation as they are associated with the timeline. Example:

OBJECTIVES:	METHODS:	EVALUATION:	TIMELINE:
Objective 1: XXXXXXXXXX	For Objective 1: a. XXXXXXXX b. XXXXXXXX	For Objective 1: XXXXXXXXXX	Jan. 01, 2010 - Feb. 15, 2010
Objective 2: XXXXXXXXXX	For Objective 2: a. XXXXXXXX	For Objective 2: XXXXXXXXXXXX	Feb. 01, 2010 - Apr. 30, 2010
Etc.			

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7. Budget: & Budget Justification:

Prepare a detailed list that shows each planned area of expense, and a brief explanation regarding the need for each budgeted item. It may be helpful to put the budget & justification in a table format. PLEASE NOTE: If your project will involve TRAVEL, there is an additional form that needs to be completed. Please contact the AGRC for a copy. Sample budget:

COST:	DESCRIPTION:	JUSTIFICATION:
\$ 65	Reasearch book [title]	Technical guidebook needed for special data collection procedures to be used in the project.
\$350	Aged mice: 7 @ \$50 each	Test ISP hypothesis regarding ____.
\$400	Supercomputer support: 10 hrs @ \$40/hr	Complex multi-variable data analysis.
\$100	Conference registration	Registration for the ____ conference, scheduled for Mo./Day/Year in (City, State).
\$915	Total Request	

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

DEADLINE: All applications are due in electronic form by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2009. Draft and final submissions may be forwarded to lwjones@ucsd.edu . Applicants are encouraged to submit draft proposals to the AGRC for technical review prior to the deadline. All proposals will be evaluated by the AGRC Advisory Committee, and awards for successful projects will be made in late December 2009. For further information, please contact:

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