2004 AFAR AWARD PROGRAMS

AFAR Research Grants
AFAR provides up to $60,000 for a one- to two-year award to junior faculty (M.D.’s and Ph.D.’s) to do research that will serve as the basis for longer term research efforts. AFAR-supported investigators study a broad range of biomedical and clinical topics including the causes of cellular senescence, the role of estrogen in the development of osteoporosis, the genetic factors associated with Alzheimer's disease, the effects of nutrition and exercise on the aging process, and much more. Since 1981, over 600 AFAR Research Grants have been awarded. Deadline for receipt of application is December 12, 2003.

NEW! The AFAR/Pfizer Innovations in Aging Research Award Program
This new program seeks to support MD and PhD investigators who are working in the basic biology of aging and in translational areas of aging research, focusing specifically on four areas: cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and Alzheimer's Disease. Up to six two-year grants of $200,000 each will be awarded in 2004. Deadline for receipt of applications will be determined shortly. Guidelines and application are currently under review and will be posted once they are available.

Paul Beeson Career Development Awards in Aging
The National Institute on Aging (NIA), The John A. Hartford Foundation, Atlantic Philanthropies, and the Starr Foundation are collaborating on this initiative to sustain and promote the research careers of clinically trained individuals who are pursuing research careers in aging. Deadline for letter of intent is November 17, 2003 (not required); application receipt date is December 17, 2003. The RFA can be accessed at http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-04-004.html All scientific/research inquiries should be directed to Robin A. Barr, D.Phil., Office of Extramural Activities, (301) 496-9322, BarrR@nia.nih.gov

Merck/AFAR Junior Investigator Award in Geriatric Clinical Pharmacology
Appreciating the critical need of developing more physicians with a command of geriatric clinical pharmacology, the Merck Company Foundation and AFAR created the Merck/AFAR Junior Investigator Awards. Each Investigator receives $120,000 over two years. Since its inception, the program has awarded nearly $3.6 million to 33 Investigators. Deadline for receipt of application is November 3, 2003.

The Glenn/AFAR Research Grant Program for Postdoctoral Fellows
Up to four grants of $50,000 each will be available for postdoctoral fellows (MDs and PhDs) who will have had at least 2 and not more than 5 years of prior postdoctoral training at the time of the award. Applications for the postdoctoral fellow grant competition will be evaluated separately from the junior faculty competition. The deadline for receipt of application is December 12, 2003.

Ellison Medical Foundation/AFAR Senior Postdoctoral Fellows Research Program
The program encourages and furthers the careers of postdoctoral fellows (both MDs and PhDs) in the fundamental mechanisms of aging. Fellows with at least three and not more than five years of prior postdoctoral training are eligible. Up to three two-year fellowships of $100,000 will be awarded in 2004. Deadline for receipt of application is December 12, 2003.
RPS/AFAR Medical Student Geriatric Scholars Program
To encourage medical students - particularly budding researchers - to consider a career in academic geriatrics, this program awards short-term scholarships through a national competition. Up to 40 $4,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2004. Deadline for receipt of application is February 6, 2004.

The Glenn/AFAR Scholarships for Research in the Biology of Aging
Inaugurated in 1994, this scholarship program -- designed to attract potential scientists and clinicians to aging research -- provides Ph.D. and M.D. students the opportunity to conduct a three-month research project. Students will work in an area of biomedical research in aging under the auspices of a mentor. Each scholarship carries an award of $6,000. Deadline for receipt of application is February 26, 2004.

Merck/AFAR Research Scholarships for Medical and Pharmacy Students in Geriatric Pharmacology
To develop a corps of physicians and pharmacists with an understanding of medication use in the elderly, the Merck Company Foundation and AFAR created the Merck/AFAR Research Scholarships in Geriatric Pharmacology. Medical and Pharm. D. students will have the opportunity to undertake a two- to three-month full-time research project in geriatric pharmacology. Up to nine $4,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2004. Deadline for receipt of application is January 22, 2004.

Program guidelines and applications can be obtained from: www.afar.org