

Call for Proposals: 2012 Chief Resident Immersion Training (CRIT) Program in the Care of Older Adults

Grantor: Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs/Boston University Medical Center

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Maximum: \$0.00

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Applications are due in the ADGAP office by close of business on March 12, 2012.

Developed at Boston University Medical Center (BUMC), the Chief Resident Immersion Training (CRIT) program improves Chief Residents' understanding of geriatrics principles and leadership and teaching skills. The program focuses on Chief Residents because of the key roles that they play in the quality of patient care; medical student and resident training; mediating between faculty, nursing staff, and residents; and communicating with patients and families.

The CRIT program fosters collaboration among disciplines in the management of medically complex older patients. Program participants include both Chief Residents and faculty responsible for residency training in surgical and medical specialties. The program brings these individuals together for an intensive two-day program focused on:

- incorporating geriatrics principles into Chief Resident teaching and administrative roles;
- developing Chief Resident teaching and leadership skills with a focus on the care of complex older patients;
- enhancing leadership and teaching skills that are necessary for a successful term as Chief Resident;
- enhancing Chief Residents' abilities to collaborate with other disciplines in the management of complex older patients;
- developing an achievable action project focused on a geriatrics care issue that the Chief Resident will carry out during his/her Chief Residency year.

Since its inception at BUMC in 2003, the CRIT program has been disseminated to 15 institutions nationwide. The program has produced institution-wide cultural changes in residency training and collaborative geriatrics care across disciplines, and an increase in Chief Residents' geriatrics knowledge, confidence to teach geriatrics, and leadership skills.

The CRIT program is administered by the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs (ADGAP) in partnership with BUMC, with grants from the Hearst Foundations and the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation Program for Faculty Development to Advance Geriatrics Education (FD~AGE).

Who Should Apply

Applications for CRIT grants are welcome from any institution that trains Chief Residents.

The Principal Investigator must be a senior faculty person who has the influence at his/her institution to garner the necessary institutional support to offer this type of training to Chief Residents and to ensure broad participation of Residency Program Directors and Chief Residents across multiple specialties.

The Co-Investigator can be a more junior faculty person who is substantively involved in residency training.

At least one investigator should be from the geriatrics division or department.

Available Funding

Through generous funding from The Hearst Foundations and the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, ADGAP and BUMC expect to award ten CRIT grants in the 2012 grantee cohort. Three programs will be funded by the Reynolds Foundation, and seven by the Hearst Foundations. Past and current Reynolds grantees are not eligible for Reynolds funding, and only academic medical centers (institutions with schools of allopathic or osteopathic medicine) can apply for funding from the Reynolds Foundation. These stipulations do not apply to applicants receiving funding from the Hearst Foundations.

Each CRIT grant will provide grantees with two years of funding (\$37,500 in Year 1 and \$36,000 in Year 2) to reproduce the BUMC CRIT model at their institutions. This funding will cover approximately 75% of annual CRIT-related expenses. In order to receive a CRIT grant, applying institutions must commit to contributing an in-kind match to cover the remaining 25% of expenses (\$12,500 in Year 1 and \$12,000 in Year 2).

Grantee institutions will also receive travel reimbursement of up to \$2,500 to send two representatives to observe the June 2-3, 2012, BUMC CRIT program in Salem, Massachusetts.

Grant monies will be released in July 2012.

Notice of Hearst Foundations Funding Pending

Please note: For the 2012 CRIT grant cohort, funding for seven of the ten grantee institutions is dependent on ADGAP's receipt of funding from the Hearst Foundations for national CRIT dissemination. This funding is subject to an annual review by the Board of the Hearst Foundations, and this review is scheduled to take place in June of each year of the CRIT dissemination.

Continuing the process established in 2011, Hearst-funded grantees will be notified of their selection in April 2012, with notice that Year 1 and Year 2 funding is contingent upon renewal of the Hearst Foundations grant. These grantees will be expected to attend the June 2012 BUMC CRIT program (travel expenses will be reimbursed from currently available grant funding). A final notice of funding will be sent in June 2012, following the Hearst Foundations board meeting.

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