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Birmingham Alabama

#### **NIA Mission**



Leads a broad scientific research effort to understand the nature of aging and to extend the healthy, active years of life.

- Support and conduct genetic, biological, clinical, behavioral, social, and economic research related to the aging process, diseases and conditions associated with aging, and other special problems and needs of older Americans.
- Foster the development of research and clinician scientists in aging.
- Provide research resources.
- Communicate information about aging and advances in research on aging to the scientific community, health care providers, and the public.

#### NIA's Extramural Research Divisions



## Behavioral and **Social Research**

#### Neuroscience



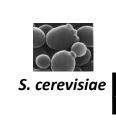




## Geriatrics and **Clinical Gerontology**

#### **Aging Biology**





















Hydra

Drosophila

**Rats** 

**Humans** 

#### NIA Cross-cutting Themes

#### NIA Health Disparities Research Framework

#### PRIORITY POPULATIONS

- Hispanics/Latinos
- American Indians/Alaskan Natives
- Blacks/African Americans
- · Asian Americans
- Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders
- Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Populations
- Rural Populations
- Disability Populations
- Sexual and Gender Minorities

#### **NIA Strategic Directions, Goal F**

Understand health disparities related to aging and develop strategies to improve the health status of older adults in diverse populations.

#### NIA Health Disparities Research Framework

physical activity stress occupation prejudice geographical factors

wealth stigma co-morbidities cultural factors

resilience health behaviors cells

immigration income genetic stability access exposures

inflammation bias socioeconomic factors discrimination

#### PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Environmental	Sociocultural	Behavioral	Biological
Geographical and Political Factors	<u>Cultural Factors</u>	Coping Factors	Physiological Indicators
Socioeconomic <u>Factors</u>	Social Factors	Psychological Risk/Resilience	Genetic Stability
<u>Health Care</u>	Psychological Factors	<u>Health Behaviors</u>	Cellular Function and Communication

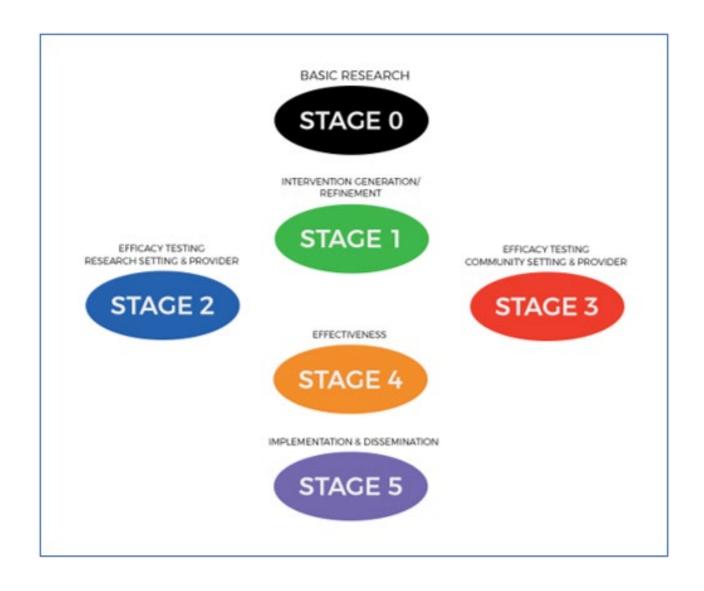
LIFECOURSE PERSPECTIVE

## **NIA Cross-cutting Themes**

#### Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (AD/ADRD)



#### NIH Stage Model for Behavioral Intervention Development



### Growth in NIA's Investments in SGM Research & Training

\$14,000,000

\$12,000,000

\$10,000,000

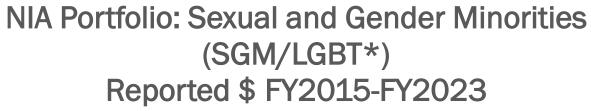
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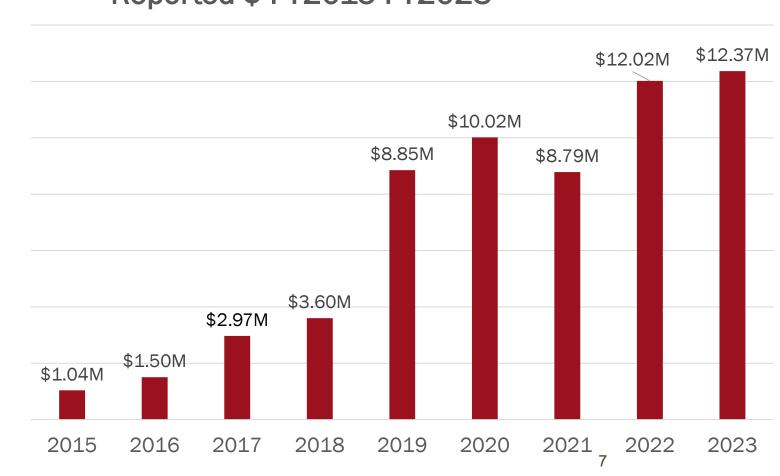
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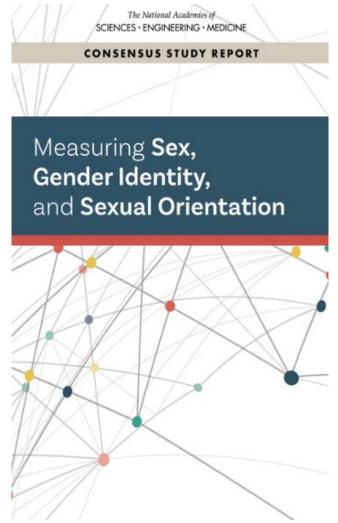
### **NIA-supported Activities**



SCIENTIFIC WORKSHOP ON VIOLENCE & related health outcomes in SEXUAL & GENDER MINORITY COMMUNITIES

Scientific Workshop on Expanding the Evidence Base in **GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE** for Transgender & Gender Diverse Populations





### NIH SGM Research Investigator Awards Program



Karen Fredriksen Goldsen, Ph.D. 2019 Distinguished Investigator Award Recipient



Jason Flatt, Ph.D., MPH 2020 Early-Stage Investigator Award Recipient



Walter Bockting, PhD., LP 2023 Distinguished Investigator Award Recipient

## Selected NIA-participating SGM-related Research NOSIs & NOFOs

NOT-MD-22-012: NOSI: Research on the Health of SGM Populations	NOT-OD-22-166: NOSI Research on the Health of Bisexual and Bisexual+ People	NOT-OD-23-166: NOSI: Research on Family Support and Rejection in the Health and Well-Being of SGM Population	PAR-22-093: Research on Current Topics in Alzheimer's Disease and Its Related Dementias (R01 - CT Optional)	PAR-24-091 / PAR-24-092): Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV/AIDS and Aging (R21, R01)
RFA-OD-22-028: The Intersection of Sex and Gender Influences on Health and Disease (R01 CT Optional)	PAR-23-112: Addressing the Impact of Structural Racism and Discrimination on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01 – CT Optional)	NOT-AG-24-004: U.S. Health in the International Perspective	PAR-22-094: Research on Current Topics in Alzheimer's Disease and Its Related Dementias (R21 CT Not Allowed)	PAR-24-109: Long- Term Effects of Disasters on Healthcare Systems in Populations with Health Disparities (R01 - CT Optional)

#### **Examples of Potentially-relevant Networks**



LINC-AD







**Animal Models** for the Social Dimensions of Health and Aging **Research Network** 



# The Research Network On The Determinants Of Life Course Capabilities And Outcomes

https://www.nia.nih.gov/research/dbsr/behavioral-andsocial-research-networks

### NIA Center Programs on Aging and AD/ADRD















Alzheimer's Disease Center

HEERSINK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Alzheimer's Disease Research Center



Centers on the Demography & Economics of Aging and Alzheimer's Disease and AD/ADRD



Artificial Intelligence and Technology Collaboratories (AITC) for Aging Research





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### **NIA Diversity Supplements**

- For people from a background <u>underrepresented in the</u>
   <u>biomedical sciences</u>, apply for a supplement to an NIA research or
   Center project grant to support a new lab member Candidate
   career level: high school through early career faculty.
- Parent grant must have at least two years remaining of active status at time of application.

#### Requirements

Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

#### **Financials**

Budget varies based on career level of candidate.

#### **Due Dates**

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis. Maximum Award duration 2 years.

## Tips about NIA's Programmatic Interests

- SGM research is funded in all four Research Divisions
- Life course Perspective
- Quantitative focus; mixed-methods welcomed
- Mechanism-focused approach to behavioral intervention development
  - NIH Science of Behavior Change and
  - NIH Stage Model
- National and Cross-national research welcomed

### NIA Butler-Williams Scholars Program



- Interactions with NIA Program Staff
- Leading Aging Researchers
- Mock Peer Review
- Networking

- Location: NIH Campus, Bethesda, MD
- Date: August 21-23, 2024
- Application Deadline: April 19, 2024
- Eligibility: Qualified applicants must hold a doctoral degree (Ph.D., M.D., etc.). Only applicants working in the field of aging or actively considering this research field will be considered. All applicants must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or permanent resident.

## NIA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- 2024 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Institute on Aging
- Since 1974, NIA has led broad scientific efforts to understand the nature of aging and to extend the healthy, active years of life
- Learn about major milestones in NIA's history: www.nia.nih.gov/50years



To celebrate, NIA is conducting a series of activities throughout 2024 to **highlight progress** over the past 50 years and to **inspire future generations** of aging researchers.



- Contact a Program Officer: BSR Staff Listing
- Check out our Workshop Reports
- Review active <u>Notices of Funding Opportunity Announcements</u>
- Explore our <u>Networks</u> and <u>Centers Programs</u>
- Learn about <u>BSR's AD/ADRD Areas of Emphasis</u>
- Explore our <u>Data Resources</u>

