



## I-REACH Scholar Program Application FAQs

### Deadlines

Applications Due: Friday, February 2, 2024 at 11:59pm ET

Announcement of Awards: Friday, March 15, 2024

Start Date: Monday, July 1, 2024

### What are the submission requirements for the Scholar Program application?

Applicants must complete the application on the I-REACH website: <https://forms.gle/21vuwJgDdzioGW8B7>

*Please note that a Google sign-in is needed to complete the application. Email [ireach@georgetown.edu](mailto:ireach@georgetown.edu) with any questions or concerns about this.*

The application includes basic information about the applicant's field and interests, if they have a mentor at their local institution, and demographic information. A biosketch is required (or a current CV if a biosketch is not available) as well as a career statement, including career goals, research interests and how I-REACH can support the applicant's goals (500 word limit).

### What are the review criteria for the full application?

Potential Scholars will submit a CV and a statement highlighting career goals, how I-REACH could support goals, gaps in home institution expertise or support, and a letter from a home institution mentor. Selection will be through a competitive review by MPIs and the Early Stage Investigator Committee. We will adapt NIH Career Award criteria to rank applicants (e.g., commitment to academic careers in our areas and how the program will provide resources not otherwise available).

### Do I need to have a mentor at my local institution to be eligible for the I-REACH Scholar Program?

No. You will have access to two I-REACH mentors who will advise you on your coursework and research project to align with the mission of I-REACH. If you have an existing mentor at your local site already, you'll be asked to share their areas of interest on the Scholar application so we can best support you through I-REACH as well as a letter of support.

### What are the eligibility requirements to apply?

Applicants should be pre-docs who have completed their coursework, post-docs, early stage investigators, or investigators interested in exploring a new area of research. All others are welcome to inquire about their eligibility at [ireach@georgetown.edu](mailto:ireach@georgetown.edu). Applicants should have relevant experience and show a commitment to conducting pre-clinical, clinical or policy research on aging, cancer and disparities. I-REACH is committed to candidates and research that contribute to its mission to promote diversity and inclusion.

### **How long is the Scholar Program?**

Two years.

### **What does the Scholar Program consist of?**

Scholars will be matched with two I-REACH mentors who will advise them during the program. They will undergo CIMER training to maximize the impact of mentorship and will complete I-REACH's unique foundational curriculum on aging, disparities and cancer. Scholars will have access to the Data and Stakeholder Cores to help design and refine research while using I-REACH's multi-level framework. Scholars will participate in Idea Labs, peer-to-peer writing groups, mock study sessions and will attend and co-lead monthly I-REACH meetings. Finally, Scholars will design a research project and will be given preference when submitting their proposals for consideration in the Pilot Program, which will support and fund collaborative work.

### **Do I need to know who I'd like to work with from the I-REACH team before applying?**

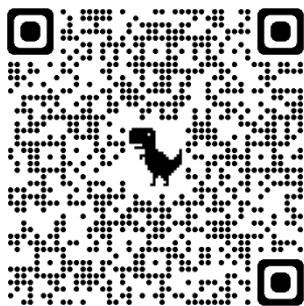
No. You'll be asked if you have a preference for mentor on the Scholar application, but your work and areas of interest will guide the matching process. Scholars will match with one to two I-REACH mentors to complement their home institution mentor's expertise and gain exposure to different disciplinary perspectives. I-REACH mentors can be drawn from any hub or liaison.

### **Where can I find additional information about I-REACH?**

Further information regarding I-REACH, check out the website at: <https://ireach.georgetown.edu/>

### **Who should I contact with any questions?**

Any inquires can be sent to [ireach@georgetown.edu](mailto:ireach@georgetown.edu).



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