



RUSH Institute for Healthy Aging

Request for Application - Martha Clare Morris Emerging Investigator Award

The RUSH Institute for Healthy Aging, in Partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, is inviting applications for Martha Clare Morris Emerging Investigator Award.

The Martha Clare Morris Emerging Investigator Award aims to fund one early-career investigator focusing on dietary research and Aging or Cognitive Function or Brain Health. Dr. Martha Clare Morris was a pioneer in nutrition epidemiology who studied the link between diet and Alzheimer's disease. Her research revealed various nutrients associated with a lower risk of Alzheimer's and cognitive decline. Taking results from her research, she developed the Mediterranean-Dash Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay (MIND) to prevent cognitive decline. This award is to honor her legacy and scientific research contributions.

This program is to provide early-stage investigators funds to develop preliminary or pilot data, test procedures, and scientific hypotheses that will lay the groundwork for future research grant applications to federal or other funding entities.

Eligibility:

- Applications from early career investigators are encouraged, i.e., post-doctoral fellow, resident fellow, or Assistant Professor at RUSH University Medical Center.
- Current funding from Alzheimer's Association does not impact your eligibility.
- Basic science, clinical, and epidemiological research studies will be considered.

Proposal Review:

- Significance of the question being studied.
- Applicant information – including the PI training as it enables them to perform the work proposed, qualifications of the collaborators and mentors, and the expertise they bring to the project.
- Work plan – including novelty and innovation of the proposed project; additionally, projects that involve human subjects will be evaluated on planned recruitment efforts.
- Quality and adequacy of available resources and budget.
- How will the proposal add to the field's overall knowledge and advancement?

Funding Amounts:

- Up to \$20,000 is available per award. Indirect costs are not allowed.
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- A one-page budget justification separate from the two-page limit should be included.

Full Proposal Sections Include:

- The proposal should be two pages long (Arial 11-point font, single spaced, with one-inch margins) including a 250-word abstract.
- A one-page budget and budget justification in NIH format should be included and is separate from the two-page limit.

Timeline

- Application Period Opens: August 22, 2022



- Submission Closes: September 15, 2022
- Award Notice: October 1, 2022
- One-page completion project completion report: October 31, 2023 (If funded)

Proposal Submissions

Please compile the documents into one merged PDF document and submit it via <https://www.riha.rush.edu/MCMaward.html>

The use of Chicago Health and Aging Project (CHAP) data is preferred but not necessary. Measures of nutrition based on the Food Frequency Questionnaire (FFQ) can be accessed via https://www.riha.rush.edu/dataportal/nut/CHAP_Nutrients_Codebook.pdf.

Measures of cognitive and other health-related data can be found at https://www.riha.rush.edu/pop/baseline_variables.html

Please contact Rosemarie Folino (Rosemarie_Folino@rush.edu) if you have questions or require additional information about this award.