



## Weill Cornell Medicine Post-Doctoral Training Program in Behavioral Geriatrics (T32)

**Program Overview.** This 2-year Postdoctoral Training Program in Behavioral Geriatrics develops independent investigators capable of conducting patient-oriented research to improve the quality of life and quality of care of older adults. The Program is co-led by Cary Reid, MD, PhD, Director of the Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life and Holly G. Prigerson, PhD, Director of the Center for Research on End-of-Life Care both based in the Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine. Applications are accepted from both MD and PhD postdoctoral trainees (2/year) seeking careers at the intersection of biomedical and innovative social/behavioral approaches to improve care and care outcomes in older adults.

**How to Apply.** If you're interested in applying for this postdoctoral opportunity, please email Danielle Carmichael at [dac2061@med.cornell.edu](mailto:dac2061@med.cornell.edu) with the following: 1) copy of your CV and 2) a cover letter detailing your interest in the program and as well as describing why you might be a good fit for our program (500 word Limit).

**Deadline.** Applications will be accepted until February 1<sup>st</sup> of desired start year. Candidates will be selected on a rolling basis each year until each of the 2 new slots per year are filled.

**Behavioral Geriatrics Description.** Behavioral Geriatrics is a scientific discipline that explicitly integrates social/behavioral approaches with biomedical approaches to study clinically significant and pressing issues of aging (e.g., pain, cognitive impairment, polypharmacy, caregiving, end-of-life medical decision-making, bereavement). The distinctive Year 1 Behavioral Geriatrics Didactic Core will cover topics including clinical and psychosocial epidemiology, community-based participatory research, health services research, and trial design as related to the study of older adults.

**Program Centerpiece.** Co-Mentored research in Year 1, culminating in a Year 2 research project for which the Trainee serves as PI under Co-Mentor supervision. Our cadre of experienced and successful Behavioral Geriatrics research mentors include Co-Directors Reid (management of multifactorial pain in later life) and Prigerson (care of patients and families at the end-of-life and into bereavement). Additional faculty members include: Dr. Ronald Adelman (palliative care), Dr. Mark Lachs (elder abuse) Dr. Karl Pillemer (family dynamics and family care of older adults), Dr. Elaine Wethington (social isolation/integration) and Dr. Sara Czaja (interaction of older adults with technology systems in various settings). For our complete mentor list, contact Danielle Carmichael at [dac2061@med.cornell.edu](mailto:dac2061@med.cornell.edu). Trainees will be integrated into a large, "research-ready" network of New York City organizations serving ethnically diverse older adults. We foster multiple opportunities for trainees to network with mentors and others within our aging networks.

**Training Activities.** All trainees participate in monthly Work-In-Progress Seminars and regularly scheduled Trainees' Forums, which provide instruction in the presentation and publication of results, ethical conduct of research, grant preparation, and help to build career development skills. Biostatisticians and data entry and management personnel from existing grants will be available to assist T32 trainees. MD trainees will complete the Cornell CTSC Master's degree or Certificate Program in Clinical Research. The program provides support for trainees to attend two national aging related conferences per year as well as at least one trip to the Cornell Ithaca campus to meet with our Ithaca based mentors.