

underserved communities or (B) during the two-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought, has achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings. This statutory general preference will be applied to only those applications that rank above the 20th percentile of the applications recommended for approval by the peer review group. So that new applicants may compete equitably, a preference will be given to those new programs that meet at least four of the criteria described in section 791(c)(3) of the Public Health Service Act concerning medically underserved communities and populations.

*Estimated Amount of This*

*Competition:* \$3,600,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 9.

*Estimated Project Period:* 5 years.

**HRSA-04-023 Geriatric Education Centers Program (GECS) \***

*Application Availability Date:*

October 3, 2003.

*Application Deadline:* January 13, 2004.

*Projected Award Date:* July 1, 2004.

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**HRSA-04-024 Geriatric Academic Career Awards (GACA) \***

*CFDA:* 93.250.

*Legislative Authority:* Public Health Service Act, Title VII, Section 753(c), 42 U.S.C. 294c.

*Purpose:* The purpose of this program is to increase the number of junior faculty in geriatrics at accredited schools of medicine and osteopathic medicine and to promote their careers as academic geriatricians. Award recipients must serve as members of the faculties of accredited schools of allopathic or osteopathic medicine providing teaching services, according to the service requirements under this award, for up to 5 years. Prior to submitting an application for the Geriatric Academic Career Award, individuals must have an agreement with an eligible school setting forth the terms and conditions of the award. The agreement with the school must permit the individual to serve as a full-time (as determined by the school) member of the faculty, for not less than the period of the award. As provided in Section 753(c)(5) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, an individual who receives an award shall provide training in clinical geriatrics, including the

training of interdisciplinary teams of health care professionals. The provision of such training shall constitute at least 75 percent of the obligations of the individual under this award. Geriatric Academic Career Awards are made directly to individuals, not institutions.

\* This program is not included in the President's budget for FY 2004. Potential applicants for funds should consider this announcement provisional until final Congressional action on appropriations is taken. Updated information on Congressional action on appropriations will be available on the HRSA Web site.

*Eligibility:* Geriatric Academic Career Awards are provided for individuals who meet the following criteria: (1) Are board certified or board eligible in internal medicine, family practice, or psychiatry; (2) have completed an approved fellowship program in geriatrics; and (3) have a junior faculty appointment at an accredited school of medicine (allopathic or osteopathic).

*Review Criteria:* Final review criteria are included in the application kit.

*Estimated Amount of This*

*Competition:* \$1,000,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 20.

*Estimated Project Period:* 5 years.

**HRSA-04-024 Geriatric Academic Career Awards (GACA) \***

*Application Availability Date:*

October 10, 2003.

*Application Deadline:* February 2, 2004.

*Projected Award Date:* July 1, 2004.

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**HRSA-04-025 Geriatric Training for Physicians, Dentists, and Behavioral and Mental Health Professionals (GTPD) \***

*CFDA:* 93.156.

*Legislative Authority:* Public Health Service Act, Title VII, Section 753(b), 42 U.S.C. 294c.

*Purpose:* This program provides two-year fellowship programs and/or one-year retraining programs for physicians, dentists, and behavioral and mental health professionals who teach or plan to teach geriatric medicine, geriatric dentistry, or geriatric behavioral and mental health. Learning components for two-year fellows include clinical, research, administration, and teaching. A minimum of three fellows—one from each discipline—is required each year of the award.

Funded projects will provide training in the physical and mental disabilities

of elderly individuals through rotations such as geriatric consultation services, acute care services, dental services, geriatric behavioral and/or mental health units, day and home care programs, rehabilitation services, extended care facilities, geriatric ambulatory care and comprehensive evaluation units, and community care programs for elderly mentally retarded individuals. Programs emphasize the principles of primary care as demonstrated through continuity, ambulatory, preventive, and psychosocial aspects of the practice of geriatric medicine, geriatric dentistry, and geriatric behavioral and mental health.

\* This program is not included in the President's budget for FY 2004. Potential applicants for funds should consider this announcement provisional until final Congressional action on appropriations is taken. Updated information on Congressional action on appropriations will be available on the HRSA Web site.

*Eligibility:* Schools of medicine, schools of osteopathic medicine, teaching hospitals, and graduate medical education programs.

*Review Criteria:* Final review criteria are included in the application kit.

*Funding Preferences:* As provided in section 791(a) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, preference will be given to any approved applicant that: (A) Has a high rate for placing graduates in practice settings having the focus of serving residents of medically underserved communities or (B) during the two-year period preceding the fiscal year for which such an award is sought, has achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates in such settings. This statutory general preference will be applied to only those applications that rank above the 20th percentile of the applications recommended for approval by the peer review group.

So that new applicants may compete equitably, a preference will be given to those new programs that meet at least four of the criteria described in section 791(c)(3) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, concerning medically underserved communities and populations.

*Estimated Amount of This Competition:* \$2,000,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 5.

*Estimated Project Period:* 5 years.