

MSTAR Program Expectations & NIA Requirements

Expectations of Students:

- * Commit to 8 - 10 weeks to conduct aging research under the supervision of a faculty mentor.
- * Attend weekly meetings with your mentor.
- * Attend required didactic sessions.
- * Attend any optional scheduled clinical rotations.
- * Meet with the MSTAR program Facilitator, Dr. Ellen Roberts, to discuss your:
 - Research Project
 - Work dynamic with your Mentor
 - A Range of Other Issues
- * Complete all evaluations of the program including:
 - Blog (<http://www.afar.org/mstarblog/posts>)
 - UNC MSTAR Site Evaluation (final week)
 - NIA Program Evaluation (will be sent after MSTAR by email)
 - Annual updates related to the results of your research (e.g. presentations, paper, awards)
- * Contact and update home site faculty sponsor after returning to the home institution at completion of program.
- * Prepare a manuscript due 90 days from program completion date to be submitted to MSTAR@med.unc.edu
The paper should contain all of the following sections:
 - Title, Authors, Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgments, Bibliography
- * Submit an abstract in early December to the annual meeting of the American Geriatrics Society, held in May.
- * STUDENTS MAY NOT BE FUNDED BY ANOTHER FEDERAL SOURCE (E.G. NIH, ARHQ) WHILE THEY ARE BEING FUNDED BY MSTAR.

Expectations of Mentors:

- * Prior to students' arrival have necessary IRB approval for the project.
- * Provide any project information, material support and readings, prior to student arrival.
- * Provide any data analyzing resources (i.e. SPSS, STATA) and related support, if necessary prior to student arrival.
- * Be available to the student for face-to-face, phone meetings approximately once a week
- * Be available to the student by email to contact you at other times.
- * Guide the student to complete a research project in an 8-10 week period.
- * Assist the student to write a manuscript, approx. 10 pages, of their research due 90 days of program completion.
- * Complete evaluation of the program in August.
- * Complete an evaluation letter for your student and the program after their manuscript is completed.
- * Assist the student in preparing an abstract for the annual American Geriatrics Society meeting, due early December.