Clarence Pearson Fellowship
in Public Health and Aging | 2019-2020


The Pearson program was launched by AFAR in 2015 to provide future leaders in public health and related academic fields with exposure to the range of policy, administration, research, and engagement opportunities to better serve the growing older population.

To date, AFAR has hosted eight Pearson Fellows on- and off-site to work on projects such as: analyzing the World Health Organization’s Report on Ageing and Health, auditing existing health education tools, auditing global messaging on healthy aging, analyzing long-term care insurance in China, assisting the International Association of Geriatric and Gerontology conference, supporting the Columbia University Aging Center, and researching implementation science.

In 2019-20, the fellowship experience will be year-long to support students’ research in their present graduate program, such as field research or travel, paper or poster presentation, or thesis-related analyses. The Pearson Fellow must arrange a mentor at their institution to guide this project.

AFAR will also provide opportunities for the Pearson Fellow to meet with leaders in aging research and programming and to connect with Pearson alumni in meetings held at AFAR office or via teleconference. The Pearson Fellow will also be asked to check in with AFAR through quarterly calls or teleconference.

For geographic accessibility, AFAR encourages applications from the Greater New York, East Coast, and Mid-Atlantic regions at this time.

AFAR hopes to support two Pearson Scholars in 2019-2020, selected by a committee of public health and aging research professionals.

**Application**

- Cover letter that addresses your previous or current academic or community work in aging-related topics and how this fellowship would support your on-going research and future academic or career goals.
- Brief (2-4 page) project description and proposed, narrative budget.
- Letter of recommendation from an on-site faculty or professional who is committed to mentoring your research project.

**Honorarium and Budget**

- $5000 for one-year (two semesters) to be applied toward budget defined in application. In addition to this honorarium, AFAR may provide travel and accommodations for possible on-site meeting(s) in Manhattan.

**Eligibility**

- Student must be either currently enrolled in a graduate program with at least one semester completed or be a recent master’s-level graduate still pursuing further education in a related field
- Must be able to work well in a self-directed environment and have a demonstrated interest in age-related issues

**DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2019**

Please send completed application by May 15, 2019 to John Chaich, Director of Communications, AFAR, 55 West 39th, 16th Floor, NY, NY 10018 or john@afar.org