# Indiana Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Research and Education Component (REC) Scholar Program Call for Nominations

## **Background**

IADRC Research and Education Component (REC) is soliciting nominations for the REC Scholar Program from members of the IADRC Executive Committee. The REC Scholar Program is primarily designed for early-stage investigators planning to pursue competitive, extramurally funded research on Alzheimer's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease Related Dementias (AD/ADRD). Research pertinent to ADRD at any level is welcome including mechanistic, translational, cognitive aging and computational neuroscience. Novel interventions for patients, caregivers and at-risk populations and medical informatics and health services studies of ADRD are all relevant. These examples are not meant to be exclusive.

# Who is eligible for the award?

Early-stage faculty investigators (research- or tenure-track) eligible to submit grant applications who are investigating AD/ADRD topics.

## Who is eligible to submit a nomination?

Members of the IADRC Executive Committee may submit nominations or qualified individuals may self-nominate directly to the REC Scholar Program.

#### What are the selection criteria?

Upon receipt and review of nominations, eligible nominees will be invited to submit an overview of their proposed research, briefly outlining the following:

- Specific Aims
- Significance
- Innovation
- Approach
- Relevance to Indiana ADRC mission and resources

All are within the two-page limit; any literature cited may be appended. The proposed research plan plus a NIH-style Biosketch of the candidate will be reviewed by a committee for final selection.

### Recognition

Each IADRC REC Scholar will be awarded \$10,000 to be used toward research, conference attendance, and publication costs. In addition, the Scholar will be invited to participate in a grant writing workshop and offered assistance for preparing applications for R-series or K-series grant mechanisms. Major foundation grants are also encouraged (e.g., Alzheimer's Association). Finally, the Scholar will be mentored by a committee, comprising mentee's primary mentor, any co-mentors, REC faculty, and the broader IADRC faculty, as needed. The REC Scholar Program will fund up to three nominees.

#### **Deadline for nominations**

Please send the nomination to the Director of Administration, Sarah Van Heiden (<a href="svanheid@iu.edu">svanheid@iu.edu</a>) by 5:00pm on Friday, December 15th.

All applications will be due to Sarah Van Heiden by **5:00pm on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**. Selections will be announced in January.