

EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The OAIC Coordinating Center is offering an inter-OAIC exchange opportunity to 2 scholars per year.

Career-development can be enhanced by the early development of collaborative, professional networks, and exposure to diverse conceptual viewpoints and operational methods beyond those available at a single institution.

Scholar Visit Length:

A scholar visit will vary from 2-3 days to up to a few weeks depending on need.

Shorter visits would emphasize:

- presenting on-going research to get feedback from new points of view
- building relationships with other early career scholars to begin building a professional peer-network
- building relationships with established scientists to deepen conceptual understanding
- linking to additional resources
- establishing mentoring relationships
- learning about the way research is conducted in diverse settings

Longer visits would include the goals above but would emphasize activities that:

- require a longer duration of residence including working on a manuscript with data from the hosting OAIC
- participating in or observing study or intervention visits in on-going studies
- learning a new technique, procedure, or program

How Scholars will be identified:

The CC will work with directors to identify Centers that are open to hosting a visiting scholar. Applicants will submit proposals explaining the purpose of a visit and the planned activities to meet the goals. Applications will use a standard format, be managed via the OAIC website.

These applications will be reviewed by a 5-member selection panel nominated annually by the Directors Committee, with per-cycle replacements as needed to avoid conflicts of interest. The process will be led by the Early Career Working Group.

Selection criteria will include, among others, scientific merit, critical need for techniques, mentoring that is unavailable at the candidate's mother institution, and commitment from the sponsoring OAIC. After the visit has been completed, the CC will ask both the visiting OAIC scholar and the hosting OAIC to evaluate the visit.

Applications should be submitted to the Working Group Leader, [Karen Bandeen Roche](mailto:kbandee1@jhu.edu) (kbandee1@jhu.edu).