October 20, 2010

Dear Colleague:

We are contacting you because of your expertise in aging research. We are interested in identifying outstanding candidates for both predoctoral and postdoctoral appointments.

We would like to encourage you to inform students affiliated with your University of this opportunity for a full-time research position.

Our multidisciplinary research training program is sponsored by the National Institute on Aging and is housed here at the Andrus Gerontology Center, USC. The Multidisciplinary Research Training in Gerontology program funds seven predoctoral trainees and three postdoctoral trainees per year. These trainees are appointed by preceptors who hold faculty positions in the Graduate School, representing the Departments of Biology, Economics, Neuroscience, Gerontology, Preventive Medicine, Psychology, and Sociology. Please see attached flyer.

The postdoctoral training program is designed individually, in conjunction with the preceptor mentoring the student. Trainees are expected to carry out independent as well as collaborative research related to aging. Most of the trainees supported by this training grant work on health-related topics. Trainees are also expected to enroll in a multidisciplinary seminar and additional courses where appropriate. Evidence of successful performance is indicated by professional presentations at meetings and publication of research results.

These NIA fellowships carry a stipend, health insurance, and travel support, and are renewable with acceptable progress. The amount of the fellowship depends on the level of appointment and experience. Fellowships are restricted to U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

Qualified applicants submit a letter of interest, a statement outlining their research agenda, two letters of recommendation, and a sample of written work or a recent publication. The final deadline for applications is January 15, 2011. As a first step, it may be useful to contact the preceptor(s) with whom one proposes to work.

People who want more information and guidance in applying to our training program should call either me or Linda Hall (213-740-8242) e-mail address: lindah@usc.edu, the project manager of our program.

We look forward to hearing from you and your students.

Sincerely,

Eileen Crimmins
Director of Training
Postdoctoral research fellowships in gerontology are available at the University of Southern California. These fellowships are provided by a grant from the National Institute on Aging. Trainees may be in the Departments of Sociology, Psychology, Neuroscience, Preventive Medicine, Economics or in the School of Gerontology. We are specifically looking for postdocs with a background that will allow them to develop a significant research profile based on a multidisciplinary approach to aging. Our research focus is on physical and mental health changes with aging. All Trainees take part in a regular seminar and course work that appropriately develops multidisciplinary research competence. Monthly stipends, health insurance, some tuition, and related expenses will be provided to qualified applicants. Postdoctoral trainees must have completed a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degree.

Please contact any of the following preceptors:

- **Eileen Crimmins** - Gerontology and Sociology - crimmin@usc.edu
- **Leslie Bernstein** - Preventive Medicine - lbern@usc.edu
- **Helena Chui** - Gerontology and Neurology - chui@usc.edu
- **Caleb Finch** - Gerontology/Neurobiology/Biology - cfinch@usc.edu
- **Margaret Gatz** - Psychology - gatz@usc.edu
- **Bob Knight** - Gerontology and Psychology - bknight@usc.edu
- **Valter Longo** - Gerontology and Biology - vlongo@usc.edu
- **Wendy J. Mack** - Preventive Medicine - wmack@usc.edu
- **Mara Mather** - Gerontology and Psychology - mma@usc.edu
- **John J. McArdle** - Psychology - jmcardle@usc.edu
- **Thomas McNeill** - Cell and Neurobiology - tmcneill@usc.edu
- **Jon Pynoos** - Gerontology - pynoos@usc.edu
- **Merril Silverstein** - Gerontology and Sociology - merrils@usc.edu
- **John Strauss** - Economics - jstrauss@usc.edu
- **Kathleen H. Wilber** - Gerontology - wilber@usc.edu
- **Elizabeth Zelinski** - Gerontology and Psychology - zelinski@usc.edu

All candidates should forward a letter of interest, identification of a potential mentor, complete curriculum vitae, graduate transcript, GRE scores, representative papers or publications (if available), and at least three letters of recommendation to: **Eileen M. Crimmins**, Director of Training, Andrus Gerontology Center, University of Southern California, 3715 McClintock Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0191. Address questions to (lindah@usc.edu). More information can be found on our website: http://www.usc.edu/dept/gero/training/

Minority applicants are encouraged to apply.

Appointments are available May 1, 2011
Deadline for application is January 15, 2011