For the purpose of informing interested faculty, please be aware of the following opportunity:

**PAR-09-233: Network Infrastructure Support for Emerging Behavioral and Social Research Areas in Aging (R24)**

The National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Institutes of Health, is soliciting proposals to facilitate research networks to seed integrative and interdisciplinary research in emerging Behavioral and Social Research Areas in Aging (see BSR details [here](#) and recent Review of BSR [here](#)). Through meetings, conferences, small scale pilots, short term training opportunities (such as intensive workshops, summer institutes, or visiting scholar programs) and dissemination activities to encourage growth and development, development can occur to the point where the network activities can be supported through standard mechanisms (such as research grants, conference grants, program projects, centers, and/or institutional training grants).

Specific Targeted *Emerging Areas* Behavioral and Social Science related to individual and population aging include:

- Neuroeconomics of aging: bridging economics, psychology, and social, cognitive, and affective neuroscience of aging;
- Integration of biology and genetics with behavioral and social sciences related to aging: bridging laboratory and population-based approaches for incorporating biological with social and behavioral levels of data collection and analysis;
- Harmonization of cross-national studies of aging to the Health and Retirement Study;
- Coordination of measurement and analysis of behavioral and social phenotypes in longitudinal studies of aging: coordination of measurement, analysis and model development for research on questions related to interplay between genetics and behavioral and social factors;
- Behavioral economics and behavior change: with an emphasis on developing areas of relevance to aging, including health behaviors, end-of-life decisions, savings, etc.
- Social network dynamics related to aging: consideration of longitudinal data needs and interdisciplinary efforts to develop theory.
In many instances the researchers that can support a successful network in an Emerging Area span multiple disciplines and are rarely located at a single institution. Therefore, this opportunity is designed to provide research resources to develop networks in specific emerging areas of behavioral and social research in aging.

For more information about this opportunity please see the full solicitation (PAR-09-233).

**It is anticipated that $750K will be available in FY2010 to support 3-4 awards.** Cost sharing is **not** required. Complete award information is found in the full solicitation.

**Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs:** 10/23/2009
(Please see the solicitation for complete application & submission information.)

Please contact Sponsored Programs (4-2402) with questions regarding proposal submission requirements.

**Deadline for Proposal Submission to Agency:** 10/30/2009

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