

NIPDD Rural Fellows Scholarship Announcement 2019-2020

The RTT Collaborative Board and the cooperative of rural programs the Collaborative represents is happy to offer up to three scholarships for the National Institute for Program Director Development fellowship program in academic year 2019-2020. Any director, site director, or faculty of a currently accredited or developing rural program is encouraged to apply.¹ The NIPDD program is described further at <http://www.afmrd.org/page/about-the-nipdd-fellowship>, including this coming year's schedule of the three in-person sessions that are a part of the program.

This RTT Collaborative scholarship includes the \$5,500 cost of fellowship registration only. Recipients are responsible for their own travel and lodging costs throughout the year and their programs are responsible for providing release time to attend the required sessions. The NIPDD registration fee does not include registration for The RTT Collaborative Annual Meeting (see below), but fellows do qualify for the reduced registration fee afforded participating programs.

Application materials

To apply please forward the following to longenec@ohio.edu:

- A letter of application, addressing eligibility criteria, making the individual case for your receiving this scholarship, and agreeing to the required deliverables below
- A letter of support from the responsible individual (preferably the DIO in your institution) promising you release time to fulfill the meeting requirements for this fellowship

In choosing the recipients of this scholarship, preference will be given for:

1. Physician faculty from an actively participating program in The RTT Collaborative
2. Program Director, PD in development, Site director, or Associate PD of any rural program (see definition)

Applicants will be notified of their eligibility by June 18, 2019 and will be placed on a priority notification list so that they can apply to NIPDD when the fellowship application opens in early July.

Expectations/Deliverables:

- Applicants selected for this scholarship must **apply to NIPDD** when applications to NIPDD open in early July 2019 and must be accepted into the program in order to receive the scholarship. The RTT Collaborative will then pay the registration fee for the awardees.
- Recipients of this scholarship are expected to **attend all required NIPDD sessions and complete NIPDD requirements** for 2019-2020
- By the time of the RTT Collaborative Annual Meeting, recipients must provide to Dr. Longenecker, executive director for RTTC a **copy of both the financial project and the academic project** that are required for successful completion of the NIPDD fellowship
- Recipients are expected to **attend and present their academic project at The RTT Collaborative Annual Meeting** in Oregon, tentatively scheduled for April 15-17, 2020. Scholarship recipients automatically qualify for a reduced registration fee to The RTT Collaborative meeting and will receive preference for a travel and meeting allowance for participation in the Rural Health Professions Design and Dissemination Studio if offered again through Rural PREP this coming year.

Deadline for application: Midnight June 9, 2019

For more information or questions about the application process or to apply, contact Dr. Randall Longenecker, Executive Director of The RTT Collaborative at longenec@ohio.edu.

¹ Longenecker R. Rural Medical Education Programs: A Proposed Nomenclature. Journal of Graduate Medical Education June 2017;9(3):283-286. <https://doi.org/10.4300/JGME-D-16-00550.1> (Accessed 4-27-2018)