

## NIPDD Rural Fellows Scholarship Announcement 2020-2021

The RTT Collaborative Board and the cooperative of rural programs it represents are happy to offer up to three scholarships for the National Institute for Program Director Development fellowship program in academic year 2020-2021. Any director, site director, or faculty of a currently accredited or developing rural program is encouraged to apply.<sup>1</sup> The NIPDD program is described further at <http://www.afmrd.org/page/about-the-nipdd-fellowship>, including this past year's schedule of the three in-person sessions that are a part of the program. This site will likely be updated in the coming month.

This RTT Collaborative scholarship includes the full cost of fellowship registration only (\$5,500 in 2019-2020). 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](mailto: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 in footnote below<sup>1</sup>)

Applicants will be notified of their eligibility by June 19, 2020 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 2020 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 2020-2021.
- 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 Tyler, Texas, tentatively scheduled for April 7-9, 2021. 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 Research Design and Dissemination Studio if offered again through Rural PREP this coming year.

**Deadline for application:** Midnight June 7, 2020

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](mailto:longenec@ohio.edu).

<sup>1</sup> 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 4-23-2020)