

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
CURRENT GERIATRICS WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS (GWEPs)**

The Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) and the Geriatrics Academic Career Award (GACA) Program under Title VII of the Public Health Service Act are two important initiatives for ensuring we have the healthcare workforce we need as we age. **The GWEP is focused on increasing the number of providers in a variety of disciplines with the skills and training to care for older adults.** The most recent cohort, listed below, was funded in 2024 on a five-year funding cycle. To learn more about the GACA program and the current cohort of awardees, click [here](#).

You can also view our [interactive map](#) to learn more about both the GWEPs and GACAs and how the programs are distributed across the U.S.

2024 GWEP Awardees

Funding levels listed indicate the total 5-year funding amount per GWEP.

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| <p>Alabama Katina Lang-Lindsey, PhD, LMSW <i>Alabama A & M University</i> Normal, AL \$3,601,844</p> <p>Arizona Mindy J. Fain, MD <i>University of Arizona</i> Tucson, AZ \$4,923,639</p> <p>Arkansas Robin E. McAtee, PhD, RN, FACHE <i>University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences</i> Little Rock, AR \$5,000,000</p> <p>California David Picella, PhD, FNP, CNS, GS-C <i>Azusa Pacific University</i> Azusa, CA \$4,985,376</p> | <p>Roopali Gupta, MD <i>University of California, San Diego</i> La Jolla, CA \$5,000,000</p> <p>Connecticut Richard Marottoli, MD, MPH <i>Yale University</i> New Haven, CT \$5,000,000</p> <p>Delaware Karen L. Panunto, EdD, MSN, RN <i>Delaware State University</i> Dover, DE \$5,000,000</p> <p>Florida Lisa J. Granville, MD <i>Florida State University</i> Tallahassee, FL \$5,000,000</p> |
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Florida (cont.)

Sweta Tewary, PhD, MSW, BI

Jessie Trice Community Health System, Inc.
Miami, FL
\$5,000,000

Georgia

Theodore M. Johnson II, MD, MPH

Emory University
Atlanta, GA
\$5,000,000

Hawaii

Aida Wen, MD

University of Hawaii
Honolulu, HI
\$5,000,000

Illinois

Katherine Thompson, MD

University of Chicago
Chicago, IL
\$5,000,000

Indiana

Mary C. Ehlman, PhD, MBA, MSW

University of Southern Indiana
Evansville, IN
\$5,000,000

Iowa

Ryan Carnahan, PharmD, MS, BCPP

The University of Iowa
Iowa City, IA
\$4,998,887

Kansas

Teri Kennedy, PhD, MSW, ACSW, FGSA, FNAP

University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute, Inc.
Kansas City, KS
\$5,000,000

Kentucky

Anna C. Faul, PhD

University of Louisville
Louisville, KY
\$5,000,000

Louisiana

Scott E. Wilks, PhD, LMSW

Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA
\$4,896,263

Maine

Susan Wehry, MD

University of New England
Biddeford, ME
\$4,992,678

Maryland

Jessica Colburn, MD

The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, MD
\$5,000,000

Michigan

Cynthera F. McNeill, DNP, APRN, AGPCNP-C, FAANP

Wayne State University
Detroit, MI
\$4,927,757

Minnesota

James Pacala, MD, MS

Regents of the University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN
\$5,000,000

Missouri

Marla Berg-Weger, PhD, LCSW

Saint Louis University
Saint Louis, MO
\$2,935,000

Nevada

Ji Yoo, MD

Board of Regents of Nevada System of Higher Education
Las Vegas, NV
\$5,000,000

New Hampshire

Ellen Flaherty, PhD, APRN, AGSF

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic
Lebanon, NH
\$4,994,753

New Jersey**Kevin J. Overbeck, DO***Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine
Stratford, NJ
\$5,000,000***North Carolina****Jan Busby-Whitehead, MD, FACP, AGSF***University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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Grand Forks, ND
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\$4,999,973***Michael M. Reinhardt, MD***The Research Foundation for the State University of New York
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Oklahoma City, OK
\$5,000,000***Oregon****Laura K. Byerly, MD***Oregon Health & Science University
Portland, OR
\$4,999,998***Pennsylvania****James Y. Lin, DO, MHSA***Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
Erie, PA
\$5,000,000***Lisa M. Walke, MD, MSHA, AGSF***The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA
\$5,000,000***Rhode Island****Phillip G. Clark, ScD, FGSA, FAGHE***University of Rhode Island
Kingston, RI
\$4,999,995***Tennessee****Jennifer Kim, DNP, GNP-BC, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN***Vanderbilt University
Nashville, TN
\$5,000,000***Texas****Jennifer J. Severance, PhD***The University of North Texas Health Science Center
at Fort Worth
Fort Worth TX
\$5,000,000***Guillermina R. Solis, PhD, APRN, FNP-C, GNP-C***The University of Texas at El Paso
El Paso, TX
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Richmond, VA
\$4,999,999***Washington****Elizabeth Phelan, MD, MS***University of Washington
Seattle, WA
\$5,000,000*

Wisconsin

Stacy L. Barnes, PhD

Marquette University

Milwaukee, WI

\$5,000,000

Wyoming

Christine L. McKibbin, PhD, MS

University of Wyoming

Laramie, WY

\$5,000,000