



Request for Applications
Travel Reimbursement for Early Career Investigators

a2 National Symposium:
Empowering Innovation in AI/Tech + Aging

April 3-4, 2025
Harvard Club of Boston
Boston, MA

The a2 Collective invites innovators, academics, and industry leaders to convene at the Harvard Club of Boston April 3-4, 2025, for the third annual a2 National Symposium, hosted by the Massachusetts AI and Technology Center for Connected Care in Aging and Alzheimer's Disease ([MassAITC](#)). Join us to engage with awardees from the most recent [a2PilotAwards.ai](#) cohorts, healthcare executives, capital allocators, renowned academic experts, clinical researchers, and a host of tech startups ready to shape the future of AgeTech. The symposium will include keynote talks, panels, networking opportunities, technology demos, and a pilot awardees poster session. Registration, agenda, and additional event details are available on the [symposium website](#).

With support from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) [Research Centers Collaborative Network](#) (RCCN), the a2 Collective Coordinating Center is accepting applications for travel reimbursement to enable early career investigators or investigators in training to attend the symposium in person. Travel reimbursement will cover symposium registration fee, domestic travel to and from the symposium, and hotel accommodations (see full [reimbursement guidelines](#) for additional details). Successful applicants will be affiliated with a relevant research, industry, or healthcare institution and have demonstrated translational or multidisciplinary interests in aging. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

Eligibility

To be considered for travel reimbursement for the third annual a2 National Symposium, applicants must:

1. Be either an advanced doctoral student (have completed all requirements for the degree except for the dissertation), postdoctoral fellow, **or** early stage investigator as defined by NIH (<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/index.htm#definition>).
2. Be affiliated with a relevant research, industry, or healthcare institution.
3. Have demonstrated interest in translational or multidisciplinary research in aging.
4. Be available to attend both days of the symposium.
5. Be willing to complete a post-event survey that includes a summary of what they learned at the symposium.

Selection Criteria

- Qualifications of the applicant
- Academic or R&D environment



- Demonstrated interest in translational or multidisciplinary research in aging
- Overall diversity of disciplines and institutions represented among travel reimbursement recipients

Application

To be considered for travel reimbursement to attend the April 3-4 a2 National Symposium, submit an application using [this form](#). Applications will be accepted until **Friday, Feb. 14, or until funds are exhausted**. Decisions will be communicated to all applicants by no later than **Friday, Feb. 21**.

Please complete the form and upload one PDF that includes the following: cover page, statement of interest that addresses your research interests and what you hope to gain from the symposium (500 words or less), NIH-style biosketch, and statement of support from a mentor or supervisor at your current institution (150 words or less).

Questions? Any questions about the symposium or the travel stipend can be directed to Alice Wang at alice.wang@roseliassociates.com.

About RCCN: The goal of the [NIA's Research Centers Collaborative Network \(RCCN\)](#) is to bring together researchers from the seven NIA centers programs to foster the development of cross-center collaborations around issues important to the health and well-being of older adults.

About the a2 Collective: The [a2 Collective](#) represents the Artificial Intelligence and Technology Collaboratories (AITC) for Aging Research program, which is dedicated to helping Americans live longer, healthier lives through the application of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies. The AITC program is funded by NIA, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) The a2 Collective Coordinating Center is managed by [Rose Li & Associates, Inc.](#)



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Travel Reimbursement Application Cover Page

Please include this cover page in your application as the first page of your PDF. Your application should be submitted using [this form](#). For more details on the application materials, refer to the RFA above.

Applicant Name:

Degree(s):

Title:

Institution:

Total Estimated Travel and Lodging Costs:

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- Statement of interest (500 words maximum)—should address your research interests and what you hope to gain from the symposium
- [NIH biosketch](#) (5 pages maximum; use non-fellowship form)
- Statement of support from a mentor or supervisor at your current institution (150 words maximum; a copy of an email message is sufficient)