

Individual Mentorship

In order to use everyone's time in the most efficient manner, we are changing the procedure for individual mentorship during the workshops. In past years (2004-2010), everyone who paid the full tuition was provided two 30-minute sessions of individual mentorship, one with Dr. Koenig and one with another workshop faculty member (as long as those slots were available).

Since 2011, in order to receive individual mentorship, workshop participants will need to submit a separate application. The application should be no more than 2 single-spaced pages, and include the following content:

- (1) A plan for a specific research study (i.e., research question, background, methods, budget)
- (2) A plan to write a grant to support that study
- (3) A description of anticipated papers that might result from the research
- (4) A description of the overall impact the research results may have
- (5) Any plans to finish an advanced degree or write a dissertation.

This application is to be e-mailed to Dr. Koenig at koenig@geri.duke.edu. If it is approved, then a schedule of mentorship times will be provided on which to sign up.

This application does not need to be that detailed, especially if the applicant is just beginning to form their research ideas. However, the purpose of this application is to get workshop participants thinking beforehand about the research process, the outputs from the research, and the possible impact of the research. We have found that time spent with mentors is much more productive when there is a specific project that the mentor can work on with the participant.

If the workshop participant does not wish to have individual mentorship, then the cost of tuition will be reduced by \$200. However, **most participants once they get to the workshop want the individual mentorship**, since interacting personally with faculty has proven to be one of the most rewarding aspects of the 5-day workshop.