The UAB Comprehensive Center for Healthy Aging (CCHA) will award undergraduate and graduate research scholarships of $2000 for aging-related research during the 2014-2015 academic year. It is anticipated that 3 scholarships will be awarded.

**UAB graduate and undergraduate** students meeting the following requirements are eligible:

- **Undergraduate** students enrolled in Honors programs (University or Departmental) or having a GPA of 3.5 or higher in their major
- **Graduate** students in good standing in their departments.

The proposed research project should examine an aspect of the aging process or a major biological, clinical, behavioral, social science, or health policy problem which jeopardizes the health and well-being of a significant segment of the elderly population. A faculty mentor should be identified.

Departments may forward up to two applications to the Director of the Gerontology Education Program Committee, Dr. Patricia Sawyer, by **May 28, 2014**. Awards will be announced mid-July.

**Applications** must include:

1. Cover Page with title of the proposed research, name, campus address, telephone, e-mail, school, and department(s) of the applicant and mentor.
2. Brief personal statement of how aging fits into the applicant’s research interests
3. Proposal/research plan (not to exceed 2 pages, single-spaced, 1” margins in type font Arial 11 or Times New Roman 12) should include: Specific Aims; Background and Significance (emphasizing relevance to aging); Preliminary Studies (if applicable); Research Design and Methods
4. Budget and budget justification indicating how funding will be utilized.
5. Student C.V.
6. Letter of recommendation from a Faculty Advisor, Honors Program Representative, or Department Chair that includes commitment of the Department to administer the award if the candidate is selected.

**Review Criteria:** The GEP committee will be responsible for review and evaluation of applications. As necessary, outside reviewers with appropriate expertise will be asked to review proposals. Review criteria include: 1) Specific aim/goals clearly stated; 2) Methods/analysis plan clearly articulated; 3) Aging as an integral component of the research; 4) Over-all scientific merit of the proposal; 5) Appropriate budget; 6) Evidence of the applicant’s capacity to complete the proposed research; 7) Potential for presentation in a national forum; 8) Potential for applicant to continue in aging research.

Funds will be transferred from the CCHA to the awardee's department who will be responsible for distribution of the funds in accordance with the proposed budget. The goal is that the scholarship should directly benefit the student, thus it is suggested that a portion of the money be used to cover tuition and fees required for the research hours in which the student enrolls. Additional money can be used for supplies and/or travel related to the research. An account of the expenditures for each award will be provided to the CCHA at the end of the funding period.

Students will be expected to provide a written report to the CCHA and to present the results of the research project as part of the UAB CFA/VA GRECC Scientific Seminar Series currently scheduled Fridays at noon during the academic year.

For questions, please contact Dr. Patricia Sawyer at psawyer@uab.edu or 934-9261.