$5,000 support fund available to students and faculty

“THE United States is facing an immediate and growing crisis in providing care for our aging population,” said Shivi Agrawal, medical student coordinator of the American Medical Student Association’s Geriatrics Interest Group, which increases and fosters student interest and participation in geriatrics research. “This age group is projected to almost double from 37 million today to nearly 72 million by 2030. Moreover, the number of geriatricians today - about 7,000 - is expected to remain constant or even decline, and not expand to the projected 36,000 needed to meet the needs of this population.”

Understanding the need to increase interest in geriatrics research, ATSU’s Gerontology Program Bi-Campus Committee established a $5,000 fund offering support for participation in conferences and symposia on aging issues by faculty members and students.

Contact Geriatric Administrative Coordinator Amanda Sparacino and Campus Chair of Aging Rene McGovern, Ph.D., on the Missouri Campus, and Campus Chair of Aging Elton Bordenave, M.Ed., on the Arizona Campus for applications.

Submit your application for review by the Program Executive Committee. Priority for support is given to those presenting papers at conferences.

Arizona Disabled Sports

The Arizona Campus was recognized as Volunteer Group of the Year by Arizona Disabled Sports with the support of ATSU students, faculty, and staff volunteers. ATSU was honored at the organization’s annual End of Season Awards Celebration held May 17 at the Red Mountain Adobe Multigenerational Center in Mesa. Most recently, 45 volunteers helped with the Desert Challenge Games, an Olympic-style competition for athletes with physical disabilities.