

Schaalman Faculty Fellowship 2025-26

Each year, the Schaalman Faculty Fellowship offers an opportunity to develop champions of Age-Friendly Health Systems education. This unique opportunity, offered through the Rush Center for Excellence in Aging (CEA), is open to Rush University faculty members.

The CEA has set a goal of creating the nation's leading Age Friendly Health System, which includes preparing every Rush student to implement age-friendly health care. Toward that end, the Schaalman Faculty Fellowship will offer three Rush faculty members (one each from Medicine, Nursing, and Health Sciences) a 5% time buy-out from 7/1/25 – 6/30/26. The CEA will provide training and support for the fellow to conduct a gap analysis of current department or college aging curriculum along with the development of a curriculum to integrate the 4Ms of an Age-Friendly Health System into their existing department or college coursework, to educate faculty across their department on the 4Ms, and to become a champion of age-friendly care across the institution. The three fellows will collaborate to share resources and support consistent messaging across the university, with the support of CEA senior faculty.

Fellow applicants must:

1. Be a current Rush University faculty member with at least a half time appointment in your college to apply. If less than half time appointment, please contact us to discuss options!
2. Commit to developing and implementing curriculum related to the 4Ms of an Age-Friendly Health System within your college and/or across the university.
3. Submit the completed application by **2/1/25**. Notification of acceptance will be sent by 2/17/25.

Fellowship Expectations:

1. Review educational materials provided by the CEA.
2. Conduct a gap analysis and create a project description and timeline, along with three measurable curriculum development outcomes and three professional development goals related to aging. The majority of your fellowship time will be spent on developing and implementing your project.
3. Review educational materials provided by the CEA.
4. Complete monthly status reports for the CEA.
5. Attend:
 - Monthly Faculty Fellow Meetings
 - CEA Quarterly Meetings
 - At least one SSV Advisory Council meeting
 - Meetings with funder at least twice during the fellowship
6. Complete fellowship curriculum project by 5/31/26.
7. Prepare PowerPoint presentation of your project and record a video of presentation by 6/30/26
8. Present the completed project to your college administration at the conclusion of the fellowship.

Post-Grant Period Expectations:

1. Meet with incoming fellows to share experience
2. Disseminate your project via conference presentation, journal article, etc.

To complete the application for the Schaalman Senior Voices Faculty Fellowship for 2025-2026, please click this link: [SSV Faculty Fellowship Application 2025-26](#) or further questions, please contact Laurin Mack at Laurin_Mack@Rush.edu



Application information listed below will be required in the link above
APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED USING THE LINK ABOVE.
THIS DOCUMENT IS FOR PREPARATION PURPOSES ONLY.

Part 1: Please provide the following information

- Name:
- Email:
- Work Phone Number:
- Degree(s):
- Discipline/Professional Field:
- Position/Department at Rush:
- Curriculum Vitae

Part 2: Supporting Documents

- What do you hope to achieve from this program? How will it relate to your professional and/or academic goals? (150-200 words)
- What is your current role in teaching students at Rush University? What would you like to add to the current curriculum that you are involved with to help better educate students about working with older adults?
- Please submit a letter of reference from your department chair supporting your candidacy, committing to the time allocation, and expressing confidence in your completion of the fellowship.

Funding

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