

MSM's Dr. Desiree Rivers Selected for 2017 NIA Scholar Program



Dr. Desiree Rivers has been selected for the [2017 National Institute on Aging \(NIA\) Butler-Williams Scholar Program](#). Following a nationally competitive process, Dr. Rivers was chosen as 1 of 53 scholars. She will spend a week at the end of July at NIA to learn more about research on aging and to further develop her interest in this challenging and important area.

The 1-week intensive at NIA will include lectures, seminars, and small group discussions in research design relative to aging, including issues relevant to aging of ethnic and racial minorities. Lectures will cover topics in research on aging, including: the biology of aging; genetics and Alzheimer's disease; and health, behavior, and aging. Discussion sessions will focus on methodological approaches and interventions. The program also will include consultation on the development of research interests and advice on preparing and submitting research grant applications to NIA.

With the networking and collaboration among Butler-Williams Scholars and NIA faculty and staff, Dr. Rivers will be poised to expand her research portfolio to include a funded NIA research project addressing aging in underserved populations.