

BAGNC Scholarship Applicants

Potential Pitfalls*

- Formulaic professional development plan not tailored to the applicant's specific goals.
- Goals in the areas of research, teaching and leadership lacking in professional development plan.
- If further along in PhD program, insufficient evidence of familiarity with research area, poorly conceived or unclear description of the research plan.
- Selected mentor has limited research experience and no plan for including input from a more senior and experienced scientist.
- Lack of detail in mentorship plan.
- If more than one mentor identified in the proposal, lack of detail about coordination of mentorship.
- Unrealistic timelines.
- Institution not research-intensive, very limited strength in gero nursing, and/or no evidence of university commitment to gerontology.
- Applicant plans to work and no evidence of full-time commitment to doctoral studies.
- Page limit guidelines not followed.

**These notes were developed in October 2009 for potential applicants to the Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity award program. For further information on the awards, see www.geriatricnursing.org/applications.*