

Junior Faculty Visiting Professor Program in Geriatric Palliative Care FAQ

What is the Junior Faculty Visiting Professor Program (JVPP)?

The Junior Faculty Visiting Professor Program (JVPP) aims to advance the careers of early-career palliative care researchers and create opportunities for cross-institutional collaborations that advance the science of geriatric palliative care. This program supports visiting professorships for early-career palliative care researchers in their first five years of a faculty appointment, *from a range of disciplines* at participating partner institutions with robust geriatric palliative care research programs. Visiting professors may be MDs or PhDs and from any discipline within the interprofessional team (e.g., Medicine, Nursing, Social Work, Pharmacy, Psychology or Chaplaincy).

Why should my institution participate?

Visiting professorships provide opportunities for early career palliative care researchers to learn about unique programs and projects at other institutions, meet individually with methodological and content experts in the field of geriatric palliative care, identify new collaborators, develop their presentation and networking skills, and increase the visibility of their work.

What is PaRC's role in this program?

The Palliative Research Center (PaRC) at the University of Pittsburgh coordinates participating partner institutions' involvement in the program and matches their identified visiting professor nominees with a host school. Annually, PaRC:

- **Identifies, connects with** and **confirms** participating partner institutions.
- **Solicits** and **tracks** nominees from participating partner institutions.
- **Matches** visiting professor nominees with host schools based on areas of interest.
- **Publicizes** visiting professors' talks within PaRC's network.

What is my role as a participating partner institution?

- **Identify** and **nominate** a junior faculty members at your institution who would benefit from participating as a visiting professor (one nomination per year).
- **Develop** and **share** a list of geriatric palliative care researchers, labs, and resources at your institution that may be of interest to visiting professors from other partner institutions.
- **Host** a visiting professor from another partner institution for a 1–2-day visit. Hosting responsibilities include:
 - Identifying a faculty or administrative staff member at your institution who will coordinate an itinerary for the visiting junior faculty professor. We recommend scheduling an initial call with the visiting professor to discuss ideas, details, and review objectives.
 - The itinerary **must** include a 45-minute moderated research talk at a selected venue (e.g. grand rounds, seminar series, etc.) based on the faculty member's area of research, and **may** include visits to research labs, participation in group seminars or research meetings, individual meetings with local researchers, and informal opportunities to network (meals, events, etc.).
- **Publicize** the visiting professor's presentation across related disciplines and provide a brief written evaluation to further the visiting professor's learning.

What is my role as a Junior Faculty Visiting Professor?

- **Complete a brief survey** to indicate your research focus area(s).
- **Identify people** you would like to meet with at the institution to which you are matched.
- **Develop** and **present** a 45-minute talk on your research.

Does PaRC provide funding for this program?

Participating sending institutions are expected to fund travel and accommodations for their own junior faculty. PaRC does not support travel costs.