



## Marymount Center for Optimal Aging

### Invitation to Apply for Faculty Affiliate Membership

The [Marymount Center for Optimal Aging \(MCOA\)](#) is comprised of faculty, affiliates, associates, stakeholders, trainees, and community partners who share an interest in aging research and scholarship. Marymount University faculty members are eligible to apply to become **Faculty Affiliate** members of the MCOA. **Faculty Affiliate** positions come with the following expectations and benefits:

#### **MCOA Faculty Affiliate expectations include, but are not limited to:**

- Actively support and participate in MCOA research meetings, seminars, webinars, strategic planning and annual retreat events;
- Engage in discussions regarding the creation of new and collaborative research programs;
- Participate in MCOA initiated grant proposals, posters, research conferences, and team science writing manuscripts;
- Support MCOA scholarship by acknowledging the MCOA affiliation in the authorship and support in publications and research presentations.

#### **MCOA Faculty Affiliate Benefits include, but are not limited to:**

- Networking and collaboration opportunities with others interested in aging research, locally and nationally;
- An environment that supports and fosters interdisciplinary research in aging;
- Access to research mentorship, guidance, resources, and technical support (e.g., database design, statistics, grant and manuscript crafting);
- Representation on MCOA website as Affiliate Member (photo, brief bio, link to CV))

The MCOA will accept new faculty affiliates each year. Membership and active participation help accomplish our center's objective of expanding the visibility and growth of aging research across the university and our community. The Center Director, Dr. Patricia Heyn, will meet with affiliates to identify areas of mutual interest and expertise to craft a positive and exciting growth opportunity for the faculty member that also contributes to the advancement of the MCOA.

## **MU Faculty Affiliated Membership Application Process & Requirements**

All Marymount University faculty are eligible to apply for MCOA **Faculty Affiliate** status. If you are interested in applying, you will submit an [application via a Google Form](#) that asks for:

- Biographical information including:
  - Name
  - Credentials (terminal educational degree, relevant licensures & certifications)
  - Department/School/College
- Contact information:
  - Email
  - Phone
  - Office location
- Recent aging-related publications, grants, and training activities
- Letter/Statement of interest which outlines:
  - Current and future scholarly interests associated with aging
  - Potential contributions to MCOA
  - Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Aging Friendly Scholarship
- Curriculum Vitae

Membership applications will be reviewed and decided on by the MCOA Leadership. **Faculty Affiliates** will be reviewed every two years to ensure the member's participation in the MCOA activities and determine whether their academic interests warrant continued membership.

For questions regarding the Faculty Affiliate Program, please contact: Patricia Heyn, PhD, FGSA, FACRM, Center for Optimal Aging Founding Director at [phey@marymount.edu](mailto:phey@marymount.edu)