The National Institute on Aging-supported Johns Hopkins Older Americans Independence Center (OAIC; https://coah.jhu.edu/oaic/) is soliciting Letters of Intent (LOI) for scientific projects related to physical frailty in older adults. The goals of these proposals should be to elucidate the etiology of frailty, develop interventions or treatments for frailty, or develop methodologies to better study physical frailty in older Americans. Possible mechanisms for funding as listed below:

- **Research Education Core Award** (max $30K), which supports junior faculty (without prior NIH grant funding as PI) conducting a frailty-related research project and engaging in mentored career development activities
- **Pilot / Exploratory Studies Core Award** (max $30K), which supports faculty conducting a frailty-related research project
- **Biostatistics Core Development Project Award** (max $35K), which supports methods-oriented research with respect to statistics, data development, or measurement of frailty
- **Biological Mechanisms Development Project Award** (max $35K), which supports basic science and biological methods-focused research on frailty

**LOI Submission Process:**

The LOI should be targeted to one of the awards described above, can be up to 2 pages in length, and must include the following components: 1) proposal summary and study aims; 2) statement of significance to the field of frailty research; 3) brief summary of research approach; and 4) for junior faculty applicants, a named mentor and brief overview of proposed career development activities. LOIs should be submitted as either Word or PDF documents to the OAIC Administrator, Brian Buta, bbuta@jhu.edu, by January 15, 2021. An NIH style biosketch also should be submitted with the LOI.

**Review process and next steps:**

LOIs received by the due date will be reviewed by the OAIC Leadership Council by early February 2021. Selected proposed projects will then be invited to submit full project proposals, due by April 1, 2021. Detailed information on full proposal requirements will be provided at that time. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the suitability and relevance of proposed scientific projects ahead of the LOI deadline. Please direct questions to bbuta@jhu.edu.