

# Careers IN AGING — Month —

Week Two Focus: Education, Research and Advocacy

## Exploring an Aging-Related Career in... Education, Research and Advocacy

**Overview of Career Path:** According to the United Nations, the global population above the age of 65 years is projected to more than double – from 761 million in 2021 to 1.6 billion in 2050. The number of people aged 80 years or older is growing even faster. More than ever, education, research, and advocacy are driving not only lifespan but healthspan.

**Passion:** Careers related to aging in education, research, and advocacy are especially well-suited for those in search of discovery. Persons attracted to this field expand the knowledge, science, and decision-making that contribute to a better quality of life.

**Purpose:** From the moment we're born, we are aging. Persons dedicated to learning, discovering, and championing a cause are inspired to help ensure that we age optimally in a world shaped by the longevity economy.

**Possibilities:** Evidenced by world population trends, the longevity economy is accelerating the need for knowledge, discovery, and understanding at an unparalleled pace. Persons dedicated to education, research, and advocacy play a vital role in expanding the body of knowledge in aging. And, importantly, shaping the minds of future generations to champion the cause to help end ageism and promote the opportunities and value that an older adult population brings to our global society.

### Examples of Careers/Job Positions:

The longevity economy not only creates pathways directly leading to careers in aging in education, research, and advocacy. It also creates career opportunities that evolve *from* these areas when newfound knowledge and insight align with one's personal passion to improve the lives of older persons.

**For more information:**

A variety of resources exist with additional information. Below are a few to explore.

[Exploring Careers in Aging Career Catalog](#) (check out the categories for “Advocacy”, “Education” and “Research”).

[15 Organizations Working to Advocate for Older Adults](#)