

Clinical Research Training Fellowship in Headache

Grantor: American Academy of Neurology Foundation

Closes: 10/1/2010

Maximum: \$130,000.00

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The American Academy of Neurology (AAN) Foundation is pleased to announce a two-year fellowship to support clinical research training in the field of headache. The fellowship is supported by the AAN, the AAN Foundation, the AAN Foundation Corporate Roundtable, and generous donors to the Research Fund and the Fund for Brain Research.

Each fellowship will consist of a commitment of \$55,000 per year for two years, plus \$10,000 per year for tuition to support formal education in clinical research methodology at the applicant's institution or elsewhere. Supplementation of the stipend with other grants or by the fellowship institution is permissible, but fellows may not accept other fellowships, similar awards, or have another source of support for more than 50 percent of their research salary while holding an AAN Foundation Clinical Research Training Fellowship. Only direct costs will be funded by this award.

ELIGIBILITY

1. For the purpose of this fellowship, clinical research is defined as "patient-oriented research conducted with human subjects, or translational research specifically designed to develop treatments or enhance diagnosis of neurological disease. These areas of research include epidemiologic or behavioral studies, clinical trials, studies of disease mechanisms, the development of new technologies, and health services and outcomes research." Disease-related studies not directly involving humans or human tissue also are encouraged if the primary goal is the development of therapies, diagnostic tests, or other tools to prevent or mitigate neurological diseases.
2. Applicant must be an AAN member interested in an academic career in clinical research who has completed residency or a post-doctoral fellowship (for a PhD) within the past five years. Those early in their clinical research careers will be given priority.

MATERIALS FOR APPLICATION

Submit one complete set of the following application materials via the AAN Foundation website:

1. Letter of nomination from the chair of the department of neurology, including assurance that clinical service responsibilities will be restricted to no more than 20 percent of the fellow's time.
2. Three-page research plan, including brief statements of aims, background, and the contemplated approaches to methodology and data. The research plan should be written by the applicant and should represent his/her original work. However, the applicant is expected and encouraged to develop this plan based on discussion with the proposed mentor. It is appropriate for the proposed work to be specifically related to the mentor's ongoing research, but not required.
3. Current curriculum vitae.
4. Two letters of reference supporting the applicant's potential for a clinical, academic research career and qualifications for the fellowship. Letters of reference are in addition to the three-page research plan.

5. Listing of the applicant's and mentor's current and pending support, other than this fellowship, using NIH format.
6. Letter from proposed mentor detailing his/her support of and commitment to the applicant and the proposed research and training plan. The letter should specifically indicate the mentor's role in the development and preparation of the applicant's research plan.

Letter should describe:

- • How the proposed research fits into the mentor's research program.
 - • Expertise and experience in the area of research proposed and the nature of the mentor's proposed time commitment to the supervision and training of the applicant.
 - • Mentor's prior experience in the supervision, training, and successful mentoring of clinician scientists.
 - • Potential for applicant's future research career and comparison of applicant amongst other residents.
 - • More than one mentor is permitted. One mentor should be designated as primary and be responsible for administrative issues.
7. Proposed mentor's NIH Biosketch.
 8. Document describing arrangements for formal course work including: quantitative clinical epidemiology, biostatistics, study design, data analysis, and ethics.

Documentation must outline:

- • Hours and content of the proposed formal instruction
- • Availability of tutorial assistance for the research project
- • Computer approaches to statistical analysis at the host institution

EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Applications are evaluated by members of the Clinical Research Subcommittee, Translational Neuroscience Subcommittee, and various ad-hoc reviewers based on the following criteria:

- • Applicant's ability and promise as a clinician-scientist based on prior record of achievement and career plan, letters of reference, and curriculum vitae (30%)
- • Quality and nature of the training to be provided and the institutional, departmental, and mentor-specific training environment (30%)
- • Quality and originality of the research plan (40%)

Evaluations will be forwarded to the AAN Foundation Research Council for final determination of the award. Funding begins within 30 days after executing a signed agreement with the American Academy of Neurology Foundation and the recipient's institution.

ANNUAL AND FINAL PROGRESS REPORTS

An annual progress report is due in May of the first year. Renewal of the award in year two is contingent upon presentation of a satisfactory progress report. Additionally, a final research report and a final expenditure report are due within 60 days following the close of the grant term. The institution must prepare the final expenditure report.

DEADLINE AND ADDRESS

All applications and supporting materials must be received by October 1, 2010.

Notification of recipients: January 2011.

All materials must be submitted online. Apply now at www.aan.com/view/CRTF

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