

Jeanne Spurlock Research Fellowship in Substance Abuse and Addiction for Minority Medical Students

Grantor: American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry/National Institute on Drug Abuse

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Application Deadline: February 15, 2012

AACAP is pleased to announce the Jeanne Spurlock Minority Medical Student Research Fellowship in Substance Abuse and Addiction, supported by NIDA.

The AACAP Jeanne Spurlock Research Fellowship in Substance Abuse and Addiction offers a unique opportunity for minority medical students to explore a research career in substance abuse in relation to child and adolescent psychiatry, gain valuable work experience, and meet leaders in the child and adolescent psychiatry field. The fellowship opportunity provides up to \$3,500 for 12 weeks of summer research under a child and adolescent psychiatrist researcher/mentor. Participants are required to attend the AACAP Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA on October 23 – October 28, 2012 to present their research in a new research poster session. (Complimentary registration and travel reimbursement for the Annual Meeting are included in addition to the fellowship stipend.)

Time Commitment

The expectation is that students will complete 12 consecutive weeks (60 working days at 8 hours per day) of the fellowship during the summer following acceptance into the program. If an applicant is unable to complete 12 weeks, he or she may propose a slightly shorter fellowship experience in the application. If approved, the stipend will be pro-rated to reflect the reduction in time spent completing the fellowship. Fellowships proposed as less than eight weeks will NOT be considered. Applicants should note that the amount of time they propose to spend in their fellowship will be taken into account by the selection committee.

Selection of Mentor

There are two ways to select a fellowship mentor:

When a student has an established link with a child and adolescent psychiatrist who is committed to work with the student throughout the summer, the student will submit an application with a detailed outline of the proposed research proposal and a description of the student's involvement in the project.

If a student is interested in applying for the fellowship but is not linked with a child and adolescent psychiatrist, the student should contact the AACAP Department of Research, Training, and Education before they submit an application for further instructions. The Program Director, in conjunction with the AACAP Department of Research, Training and Education, will work to match the student with a child and adolescent psychiatrist mentor of compatible clinical interests. Mentor selection must take place prior to the onset of the fellowship.

The student's mentor must be an AACAP member.

Clinical Training

The research training plan must provide for significant contact between the student and the mentor and for exposure to state-of-the-art substance abuse and addiction research. The plan should include program planning discussions, instruction in research planning and implementation, regular meetings with the mentor, laboratory director, and the research group, and assigned readings. Research assignments may include responsibility for part of the observation or evaluation, developing specific aspects of the research mechanisms, conducting interviews or tests, use of rating scales, and psychological or cognitive testing of subjects. The training plan also should include discussion of ethical issues in research including protocol development, informed consent, collection and storage of raw data, safeguarding data, bias in analyzing data, plagiarism, protection of patients, ethical treatment of animals, etc. Upon completion of the training program, the mentor should hold a closing interview with the student to discuss the work as well as future career plans. The student is required to submit a brief paper summarizing the research experience, a copy of the research poster, and a program evaluation completed by the student and mentor. The mentor should assist in the preparation of the final paper, providing guidance on the format and content of typical research papers.

AACAP Annual Meeting Participation

All fellowship participants must attend the 2012 AACAP Annual Meeting. Participants will receive complimentary general meeting registration, tickets to one workshop and one institute, and travel reimbursement. Participants are required to submit a proposal to present their research in a new research poster session and attend various educational, mentoring and networking sessions. Additionally, fellowship participants will be recognized at a Young Leaders Awards Ceremony.

Stipend Distribution

Fellowship stipends will be distributed in two installments. Upon receipt of the fellowship, \$2,500 will be sent to the student's mentor to be disbursed at the onset of the summer fellowship. Upon meeting all program requirements, the last installment will be sent directly to the recipient. The last installment will be pro-rated according to the total amount of time spent completing the fellowship. Fellowships lasting the full 12 weeks will receive the maximum amount.

Fellowship Requirements

Applications are considered from African-American, Native American, Alaskan Native, Mexican American, Hispanic, Asian, and Pacific Islander students in accredited U.S. medical schools.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Participants agree that their fellowships will last 12 consecutive weeks (All fellowships less than 12 weeks must receive approval by AACAP. Fellowships less than eight weeks will NOT be considered). The expectation is that the student will complete 60 work days at 8 hours per day to complete the fellowship.

Participants agree to submit an abstract outlining their new research poster presentations for publication in the AACAP Book of Scientific Proceedings by July 15, 2012.

Participants agree to attend the AACAP Annual Meeting, October 23-October 28, 2012, in San Francisco, CA.

Participants agree to submit all required reporting documentation prior to the AACAP Annual Meeting, including a final report, a copy of the new research poster, a thank you letter to the funder, and an evaluation of the program completed by the participant and the mentor.

Participants agree to participate in all annual surveys as part of the program's evaluation process.

Application Process

Applicants complete the online application and upload the following documents:

CV

Statement of Interest

Letter of support from proposed mentor

In addition, a letter of good standing from the applicant's medical school must be sent directly to AACAP via email at training@aacap.org or fax at 202.364.5925.

The availability of all awards is contingent upon receipt of adequate funding.

AACAP reserves the right to waive liabilities.

For more information contact the Department of Research, Training, and Education at 202.966.7300, ext. 117, or training@aacap.org.

Link: <http://www.aacap.org/cs/students/opportunities/SpurlockResearch>