

Summer Medical Student Fellowships in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Grantor: American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Closes: 2/15/2012

Maximum: \$3,500.00

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Application Deadline: February 15, 2012

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) is pleased to announce the Summer Medical Student Fellowships in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, supported by CFAK.

The AACAP Summer Medical Student Fellowships offer a chance for medical students to explore a career in 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 clinical or research training under a child and adolescent psychiatrist mentor. Participants are required to attend the AACAP Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, October 23-October 28, 2012. (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 workdays 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

Before applying, a student should have an established link with a child and adolescent psychiatrist who is committed to work with the student throughout the summer. The student can then submit an application with a detailed outline of the proposed clinical or research training 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.

Training Experience

The training experience must provide for significant contact between the student and the mentor. The training experience should include program planning discussions, instruction in treatment/research planning and implementation, regular meetings with the mentor, and assigned readings.

If the fellowship takes place in a clinical setting, clinical assignments may include responsibility for part of the observation or evaluation, conducting interviews or tests, use of rating scales, and psychological or cognitive testing of patients. The fellowship also should include discussion of ethical issues in treatment.

If the fellowship takes place in a research setting, 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 fellowship 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 experience, the mentor should hold a closing interview with the student to discuss their work as well as future career plans. The student is required to submit a final paper summarizing the clinical/research training experience, a copy of the research poster presented at the Annual Meeting (if applicable), a thank you letter to the funder, and a program evaluation. The mentor should assist in the preparation of the final paper and research poster as well as provide guidance on the format and content of papers and poster presentations.

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 attend various educational, mentoring and networking sessions. Participants are also required to submit a Call for Papers submission for presenting their clinical/research experiences in a new research poster session (Poster presentations are contingent upon the acceptance of the call for papers submission after peer review). 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 and 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

Applicants must be students enrolled in accredited U.S. medical schools.

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 work 8 hours per day for the duration of the fellowship.

Participants agree to submit a Call for Papers submission for presenting their clinical/research experience in a new research poster session by July 15, 2012.

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

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Participants agree to submit all required reporting documentation directly after the AACAP Annual Meeting, including a final report, a copy of the new research poster (if applicable), a copy of a thank you letter written to the Campaign for America's Kids, 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 Materials

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.

AACAP reserves the right to waive liabilities.

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

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/summerfellowship>