

Rehabilitation Research Experience for Medical Students

Grantor: Association of Academic Psychiatrists/Foundation for PM&R

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Maximum: \$4,000.00

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The Association of Academic Psychiatrists (AAP) and the Foundation for PM&R are excited to announce the annual Rehabilitation Research Experience for Medical Students (RREMS). This program offers first year medical students to experience the rewards of scholarly research within the specialty of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation through an eight-week summer externship.

Deadline for Site Sponsors to apply for the 2012 Scholarship is March 9, 2012

Deadline for Medical Students to apply for the 2012 Scholarship is April 6, 2012

Significant strides have been made in recent years in increasing research capacity and academic leadership through programs such as the Rehabilitation Medical Scientist Training Program (RMSTP) and the Program for Academic Leadership (PAL) initiated by the Association of Academic Psychiatrists and funded respectively by the National Institutes of Health and the Roosevelt Warm Springs Foundation. These programs aim to train highly qualified residents and junior faculty as academicians, researchers, and leaders in our field. Until now, there has been no equivalent program that targets medical students.

The RREMS has been developed for medical students with strong research interests. This program will provide an exciting and structured research experience while exposing the medical student to some of the most successful and respected faculty mentors in the field of PM&R. This program will also benefit institutions that sponsor students by attracting a more academically oriented cadre into the field and into additional leadership training pathways. RREMS will also serve to enhance visibility of PM&R in medical schools and provide sponsor institutions with a means of establishing relationships with highly motivated and academically oriented medical students who may be candidates for future residency programs, the RMSTP, or the PAL program.

The RREMS will entail a minimum of an eight-week summer externship following the first year of medical school with an attached stipend of \$4,000. The program will fund up to six medical students each summer. Students will contact participating host institutions, establish a primary mentor, and submit a proposal project. Each student is expected to submit a research paper for entry into the AAP Best Medical Student Paper Competition after completion of the externship and will present on their work at the next Annual Assembly. The contribution by the hosting PM&R Department would be to agree to support the travel and registration of the trainee to the AAP Annual Meeting to allow students to present their research, observe scientific paper presentations, network with participants in the current PAL and RMSTP programs, and to meet additional mentors.

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Link: http://www.physiatry.org/Education_RREMS_front.cfm