

Research to Prevent Blindness Medical Student Fellowships

Grantor: Research to Prevent Blindness

Closes: 7/1/2012

Maximum: \$30,000.00

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Please note: Grant applications are not available on RPB's website. For complete grant guidelines and applications, or if you have any questions regarding RPB's Grants Program, contact RPB's Grant Administrator at 212.752.4333 or pmoran@rpbusa.org.

RPB accepts grant applications twice a year, January 1st and July 1st, for the grant categories listed below. Guidelines and application forms must be requested by the chair of the department of ophthalmology or the department's grant coordinator. Departments of ophthalmology must have an RPB Unrestricted / Challenge Grant in order to apply for individual grants, and only permanent, full-time department chairs are eligible to apply for an Unrestricted / Challenge Grant.

New chairs should speak with RPB's Chief Operating Officer prior to the submission of an application. If a proposal for an Unrestricted or Challenge Grant is rejected, the chair must wait two years before reapplying, so RPB strongly encourages thorough preparation and planning before an application is submitted.

RPB MEDICAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS allow gifted students to take a year off from medical school and devote time to the pursuit of a research project within an RPB grantee department. The fellowship, which must take place prior to the third or fourth year of medical school, will be funded for one year with a \$30K grant, a portion of which should be utilized to help finance the recipient's eye research activities. It is neither intended that the program become a vehicle to assure the candidate a residency, nor that it be used simply to provide technical assistance. Both the candidate and the training program proposed are evaluated in the review process. Since outcomes are not announced until almost six months after submission, the applicant should be aware of the risk of rejection.

Link: http://www.rpbusa.org/rpb/grants/grants/#medical_student_fellowships