

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Institutional Research Training Grant

Grantor: Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

Closes: 8/1/2012

Maximum: \$150,000.00

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The Institutional Research Training Grant (IRTG) is intended to identify, develop, and fund promising institutions dedicated to providing high quality training to research fellows in emergency medicine. Its specific goals are:

To increase the number of emergency medicine investigators with training in research.

To develop and support programs that can serve as advanced research training sites for emergency medicine graduates who wish to pursue a career that involves research.

To establish a culture supporting advanced research training within the department of emergency medicine.

To enhance the academic development and productivity of the specialty of Emergency Medicine.

Duration of the award: July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014

Financial award:

The IRTG will provide a total of up to \$150,000 for two years (up to \$75,000 per year), commencing when the fellow is selected and begins training (academic year: July 1 through June 30). Detailed budgets will be required. Funds must be used for salary, training or related infrastructure needs required to meet the training goals stated in the grant. The award will be offered annually. Funds for the second training year will be made available to the host institution only upon submission of a progress report that is judged by the SAEM Grants Committee to demonstrate satisfactory accomplishment in the first year of the fellowship. Failure to meet the award guidelines or inability of the candidate to complete the term of the award shall result in the return of residual funds to SAEM. The number of awards granted annually will depend on the quality of applications and status of endowment funds. Recipients are not eligible to receive a second award during the first grant period. Award extensions may be made at the discretion of the Grants Committee under certain circumstances. Award extensions will be evaluated on a case by case basis. SAEM grants are contingent upon the amount of available funds from the SAEM Foundation. SAEM may discontinue, postpone, or alternate grant funding mechanisms based on the amount of funds available.

Eligibility

Applicant:

The applicant for the award will be the institution not the trainee. It will be expected that the faculty member overseeing the grant will be an active member of SAEM for greater than 12 months at the time of the grant application deadline and hold an academic appointment in emergency medicine or pediatric emergency medicine within the institution during the

entire duration of the grant. The grant will not be transferable to another mentor or another institution. Applicants who have previously received an SAEM IRTG award are not precluded from applying again, but may not begin a second award during a prior award's funding period. When there are equally competitive applications submitted preference will be given to applicants who have never received an SAEM IRTG.

Department:

The institution should host or be affiliated with a department or division of emergency medicine or pediatric emergency medicine. Departments outside the United States are eligible. The department must be able to demonstrate a track record of academic excellence and a commitment to the support of research and research training. The department must also demonstrate that it has the infrastructure (space and interdepartmental affiliations) in place to provide an appropriate training environment (funds from the award may be used to develop and enrich this infrastructure).

Training site:

The primary training site should be an academic department or division of emergency medicine or pediatric emergency medicine. Any appropriate site would be expected to have access and facilities for training similar to those outlined in the NIH guidelines for clinical research training (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-00-002>). For example, affiliations with departments or universities offering advanced degrees and training in research methodology are strongly encouraged.

Mentor:

The success of this training award is highly dependent upon mentorship. The identified mentor must therefore be able and willing to oversee the training program, meet frequently with the trainee and ensure the goals of the training program are met. The mentor(s) should have a strong track record of academic and research excellence and should be committed to the training program. The mentor(s) will be responsible for selecting the fellow into the program, supervising the fellow's research project, and ensuring completion of the training program and a research project in the two-year period of the grant. It will be expected that the mentor overseeing the grant will be an active member of SAEM and hold an academic appointment in emergency medicine or pediatric emergency medicine within the institution during the entire duration of the grant. Secondary mentors outside emergency medicine who can add to the research training program are encouraged.

Fellow:

The research fellow must have an advanced degree (e.g., MD, DO, PhD, PharmD, DSc or equivalent), hold a university appointment in or be actively involved with a department or division of emergency medicine, and be an active member of SAEM. The award is otherwise not contingent on the fellow, and the applicant does not need to have a specific fellow identified or recruited for the fellowship at the time of application. The mentor will be responsible for selecting an appropriate fellow. After being notified by SAEM, the institution will have two years to notify SAEM of an appropriate candidate and funding will start from the day the fellow starts at the institution. It is expected that the research fellow will be dedicated to a minimum of 70% research effort and it will be the mentor's and chair's responsibility to ensure that a dedicated 70% effort is being made to protect the fellow from clinical, administrative, and other academic activities. Recognizing that most clinicians will want to do some clinical work, SAEM is allowing fellows to work a

maximum of one clinical shift per week. As such, fellows are required to spend no more than 12 hours per week performing clinical, administrative, or teaching activities not directly related to research training. Fellows should be considered as junior faculty. Moonlighting should be strongly discouraged to ensure dedication to the training program. A competitive salary from clinical revenue and grant funds is encouraged.

Deliverables:

Projects are expected to be submitted as abstracts to the SAEM Annual Meeting when completed.

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