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ANNOUNCE

jointly sponsored research training scholarships

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION/ AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
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SCHOLARSHIP (ABOG/AAOGF)

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MEDICINE /AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF OBSTETRICIANS
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(SMFM/AAOGF)

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Medicine

History

The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society evolved from a merger in 1981 of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, an organization beginning in 1888, and the American Gynecological Society which was founded in 1876. The goals of both organizations were similar, being to enhance knowledge in the field, to encourage transmission of current knowledge, and the recruitment of talented individuals to Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF) was incorporated in 1929, to serve as a mechanism to support the annual Joseph Price Oration and then to establish an annual Prize Award for a manuscript presented at the meeting. The resources of the Foundation have been enhanced significantly by bequests from the estates of Dr. James Kennedy in 1966, Dr. Walter Dannreuther in 1969, Dr. J. Bay Jacobs in 1989 and Dr. Henry L. Darner in 1996. To accomplish the mission, the primary focus of the AAOGF is the support of research training scholarships for individuals pursuing an academic career in the specialty. The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Educational Foundation has very generously contributed over a number of years to the support of the scholarship program and currently participates with the AAOGF in jointly funding one new scholar per year. The Foundation of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) has offered scholarships to Maternal-Fetal Medicine trainees since 1992. In 2002, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine and the AAOGF agreed to jointly sponsor a scholarship to be awarded to an Obstetrician Gynecologist who has training and a commitment to performing research in Maternal-Fetal Medicine. The scholars are specifically designated in recognition of the source of support for the various scholarships.

Call for Applications for ABOG/AAOGF and SMFM/AAOGF Scholarships

The AAOGF and the Foundations of ABOG and SMFM seek to identify future academic physician leaders in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology and to stimulate their scholarly development, through the support of advanced scientific training. The Scholarship Award is to be used in an academic Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the United States or Canada to provide **research training** and experience for a candidate of proven ability who exhibits significant talent, original thought and evidence of dedication to an academic career. Research training may be either laboratory-based or clinical, and focus on fundamental biology, disease mechanisms, interventions or diagnostics, epidemiology or translational research.

The Awards

The total annual funding for each scholar will be \$100,000, of which at least \$5,000 but not more than \$15,000 must be used for employee benefits where the scholarship is awarded. In addition, sufficient funds to support travel to the annual fellows' retreat must be set aside. The balance of funds may be used for salary, technical support, and supplies. The award is made under the direction of the AAOGF Endowment Fund Committee. The award, co-sponsored by the SMFM, is also under the direction of the SMFM Foundation Board. It must be matched by an institutional commitment of at least \$30,000 per year for the same period.

The award is intended to fund three consecutive years of research training. The initial award is for one year and is renewable annually for two additional consecutive years of research training, based on satisfactory progress of the scholar in meeting the requirements of the program, the appropriate evolution of the research and the availability of funds. Only one year of the three years funded may be part of a subspecialty fellowship-training program. Indirect costs are not provided.

Recipients must agree to provide career development follow-up after the conclusion of the scholarship on an annual basis and as requested.

It is expected that the scholarship training will be conducted at the same institution for the entire period of funding. Transfer of institutions or change of mentors during the period of funding must receive the prior approval of AAOGF and, in the case of their jointly sponsored award, the SMFM. Unexpended funds must be returned to the sponsoring organization unless approval is granted for an extension of the training period

Application Requirements

Candidates must have been awarded an M.D. degree and must be eligible for the certification process of ABOG at the time of the award. This award is not intended to fund clinical training leading to specialty or subspecialty certification. However, applicants who are in their second year of an ABOG-approved fellowship can apply the first year of this award to a 3rd research training year that meets the requirements leading to ABOG subspecialty certification. In any case, applicants who have completed or are undertaking subspecialty training must have completed such training or be in the second or third year of an ABOG approved training program at the time application is made. In addition, candidates for the AAOGF/SMFM scholarship must be members or associate members of SMFM.

Eligible applicants may use the same application in order to be considered for both the AAOGF/ABOG and AAOGF/SMFM awards and should state their desire to be considered for either or both awards in a cover letter.

Because of the desirability of early indoctrination in scientific principles, residency programs possessing the necessary flexibility and resources are urged to notify their residents of the availability of these scholarships.

At least 75% of the candidate's efforts should be spent in research training and conduct of research which may occur in facilities either within or outside of the sponsoring Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Collaborative efforts with other departments e.g., Physiology, Anatomy, Pharmacology, Molecular and cell Biology, Genetics, Immunology, Biochemistry, or Epidemiology would be a desirable part of the program.

Applications for the subsequent academic year will be accepted only if the application is received electronically by July 15, 2009. There is no application form; however, an application format is provided at the back of this brochure. The application must be countersigned by both the candidate and the Chair of the sponsoring department. The following material must be provided if the application is to be considered:

1. A description of the candidate's qualifications, including a curriculum vitae, bibliography, prior training, past research experience, evidence of completion of residency training in obstetrics and gynecology or expectation of completion of residency training in obstetrics and gynecology prior to the start of the award. The basis for the sponsoring department's selection of the candidate should be clear, including any future plans for development and faculty appointment or placement.
2. A comprehensive description of the proposed training program, including planned didactic experience, and formal didactic courses. The latter should include at least two formal graduate level courses in areas relevant to the scholar's area of interest. Classes must include an exam and a passing grade documented by a letter signed by the course director. Additional components can include: structured conferences, specific laboratory responsibilities, and the extent of non-research related clinical responsibilities. Since it is assumed that ongoing experience in a research project is an essential part of the training, this research project should be described in detail using an NIH grant format but should not exceed 6 pages, using number 12 font, and including all figures and tables but not including bibliography. The goals of the training program and the means of evaluation of productivity and success in meeting these goals must be clearly stated.

3. A description of departmental resources appropriate to the training, including the full-time faculty member responsible for serving as the training mentor must be provided. The mentor's curriculum vitae, including a list of current NIH grants, a list of past trainees, and a letter of commitment are required. A detailed mentoring plan must be provided by the proposed mentor that should include methods of assessment, expected milestones and remediation plans if training targets are not met. In addition, a list of any other faculty members with whom the trainee will work, with particulars of their past experience in mentoring and their time commitment to this undertaking should be included. Finally, please make note of available research space, equipment and library materials as well as an account of prior training experience within the unit and the existence of other departmental support resources.
4. A list of other research grants, training grants, or scholarships previously or currently held by the applicant. Please include a list of all applications for funding by the candidate that are currently pending review. Prior K-series grant recipients are ineligible for AAOGF-ABOG-SMFM funding. However, AAOGF-ABOG-SMFM scholarship awards do not preclude applying for additional research funding from other sources (e.g., an NIH RO3 award), the acceptance of which would not jeopardize continued funding or renewal of this award. Such applications are in fact encouraged and plans for pursuing such subsequent research funding should be addressed in the application. If the applicant has questions regarding their eligibility, they should contact the chair of the Endowment Fund Committee Chair.
5. Budget. As noted, the award may be used for salary support of the scholar, purchase of equipment and supplies, technician salaries, and/or services and travel related to research training. Planned expenditures should be listed under the following headings: Salaries (by individual) supplies, equipment, services, and travel. Please note that no indirect costs will be paid.
6. Documentation of approvals from the Institutional Review Board (Human Subjects) and if applicable, from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee can follow NIH "just in time" approval rules. However, following granting of the award but no funding will be released until full documentation of the necessary approvals is received by AAOGF.

Evaluation of Applications

The evaluation of applications will be conducted by committee(s) and will be based on:

1. The scholarly, clinical and research qualifications/promise of the candidate including evidence of the candidate's commitment to an investigative career in academic obstetrics and gynecology in the United States or Canada.
2. Qualifications of the sponsoring department and mentor with respect to research experience, grant track-record, prior research mentoring, adequacy of opportunity for appropriate collaborative relationships, facilities and other appropriate resources.
3. Ascertainment that 75% of time and effort of the candidate will be dedicated to the research training and conduct of research.
4. The quality of the research project including evidence that the applicant is either performing an originally conceived project or taking on an area of interest of the mentor that represents a significantly new direction.
5. The accuracy and completeness of the application.

6. Preference may be given to applications from candidates training in areas currently under-represented in academic obstetrics and gynecology (e.g., urogynecology, family planning) or amongst the cadre of scholarship recipients.
7. A personal interview will be required as part of the evaluation process with half of the cost to be borne by the sponsoring department. After an initial review, the most competitive Scholar applicants (4 to 6) will be invited for the interview. The Committee may also elect to interview the mentor via telephone conference.
8. Women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
9. For the AAOGF/SMFM award – relevance to the discipline of Maternal-Fetal Medicine.
10. The Committee reserves the right not to make a selection if the quality of applications is not sufficient.

Monitoring of Scholars

The recipient of the award must submit interim progress reports by March 15 of the first and second years of award, and a final report by June 1 of the third year of award. All three reports should be countersigned by the faculty mentor and should include a monetary accounting of the funds awarded. The reports at the end of the first and second years should detail the candidate's achievements and the prospects for progress in the succeeding year(s). The reports should include any significant changes in departmental resources, which might affect the program, such as change of mentor or collaborators, altered research funding, change of chairman, etc. Changes in the program that deviate from the original application require the approval of the AAOGF Endowment Fund Committee. The recipient of the AAOGF/SMFM award must send reports to both SMFM and AAOGF.

In the spring following receipt of the award, a member of the AAOGF Endowment Fund Committee will schedule a structured site visit for the AAOGF/ABOG scholar. The scholar must provide site visitors with a progress report prior to the site visit. Prior to the visit, the scholar will receive specific metrics that must be addressed during the time of the site visit. The recipient of the AAOGF/SMFM award will be site visited by a member of the SMFM Foundation Board. In addition, for AAOGF/SMFM grant recipients, quarterly conference calls will be conducted between the Scholar, the mentor and a member of the AAOGF/SMFM monitoring committee to discuss progress and to offer support and guidance. The AAOGF/SMFM Scholar will also meet with representatives of the Monitoring Committee at the annual AAOGF/SMFM Meeting to discuss progress.

Both AAOGF-ABOG and AAOGF-SMFM grants are separated into two stages with a rigorous evaluation process between the stages. Stage 1 will conclude at the completion of the first site visit and review of the first progress report. Continuation of funding into year 02 will be contingent on a positive evaluation of the scholar's progress. The progress report and site visit must reveal that the scholar is meeting the defined research specific aims as outlined in the grant application as well as meeting the mentor's milestones defined at the outset of the award. In addition, the progress report must demonstrate sufficient plans for achieving remaining project objectives to be considered for continued funding. If the Monitoring Committee does not feel that the scholar has made sufficient progress, the scholar will be given notice that improvements must be made. The Scholar will be given 6 months for remediation at which time a repeat site visit will be conducted before authorization is given to move to Stage 2 of the program.

Scholars are expected to attend an annual retreat and to present the progress of their work. Funds must be set aside from the award to support attendance at the retreat. Failure to attend the retreat may jeopardize renewal of funding.

Preparation and submission of an extramural grant request with the assistance of the scholar's mentor is viewed as an essential element of the training experience and is an expected outcome of the scholarship.

Following completion of the scholarship, the awardees will be invited to the annual meeting of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS) to present a paper concerning the work accomplished during the period of the award. This presentation is a requirement for successful completion of the scholarship. The AAOGF/SMFM scholars may also be invited as a guest of the SMFM to present a paper at the Annual Meeting of the SMFM concerning the work accomplished during the period of the award should their abstract be chosen.

Inquiries regarding the scholarship should be directed to:

ABOG/AAOGF Award

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Submitting Applications: DEADLINE July 15, 2009

All applications must be received **electronically** by July 15, 2009. Send the application, scanned recommendation letter, and scanned mentor letter via e-mail to the appropriate individuals listed below. **NOTE:** Convert **all** word files to PDF.

Applications or correspondence for the AAOGF/ABOG Award should be sent to the following only:

Cassandra Larkins
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Applications or correspondence for the AAOGF/SMFM Award should be sent to both addresses below:

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CURRENT SCHOLARS

Laura J. Havrilesky, M.D. – 2006-2009

Award: American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/AAOGF Scholar
Site of Research: Duke University Medical Center
Title of Research: Primary Prevention of and Reduction of Mortality from Ovarian Cancer

Francine H. Einstein, M.D. – 2006-2009

Award: Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine/AAOGF Scholar
Site of Research: Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medicine Center
Title of Research: Visceral Fat and the Metabolic Alterations of Glucose Homeostasis in Pregnancy

Emily J. Su, M.D. – 2007-2010

Award: Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine/AAOGF Scholar
Site of Research: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Title of Research: Regulation of 17 α -Hydroxysteroid Dehydrogenase Type 2 in Placental Endothelial Cells

Satu Kuokkanen, M.D., Ph.D – 2007-2010

Award: American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/AAOGF Scholar
Site of Research: Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medicine Center
Title of Research: Modulation of the Human Endometrial Cell Cycle by Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulators (SERMS)

William H Catherino, MD, Ph.D – 2008-2011

Award: American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/AAOGF Scholar
Site of Research: Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences
Title of Research: Molecular Dissection of Retinoic Acid Function in Leiomyoma Development

Roy Zion Mansano, MD – 2008- 2011

Award: Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine/AAOGF Scholar
Site of Research: LABioMed at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
Title of Research: Developmental Nephrogenesis: Programmed Renal Hypoplasia

Irina Burd, MD, PhD – 2009-2012

Award: American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/AAOGF Scholar
Site of Research: University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Title of Research: Excitotoxicity as a Mechanism of Neuronal Damage in Inflammation-Induced Preterm Birth

Antonette T. Dulay, MD – 2009-2012

Award: Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine/AAOGF Scholar
Site of Research: Yale University, New Haven, CT
Title of Research: A Role for Soluble Modulators of Innate Immunity in Regulating the Intra-Amniotic Inflammatory Response to Infection

FORMER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
The following is a listing of all previous scholars
and the years of their scholarship

Year	Recipient	Institution	Award
1984-1986	Bonnie J. Dattel, MD	UCSF	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1985-1986	Vicki V. Baker, MD	University of Alabama	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1985-1987	Joshua A. Copel, MD	Yale University	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1986-1988	C. Anne Patterson Barnett, MD	Emory University	AAOGF Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1986-1988	Daniel V. Landers, M.D.	UCSF	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1987-1989	Joseph A. Hill III, M.D.	Brigham & Women's	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1987-1989	Bruce W. Kovacs, M.D.	LAC/UC Women's Hospital	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1988-1990	Andrew Berchuck, M.D.	University of Texas - Southwestern	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1988-1990	David Olive, M.D.	Duke University	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1988-1990	Karen Beckerman, M.D.	Washington University	AAOGF-RSDP Scholar
1989-1991	David Keefe, M.D.	Yale University	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1989-1991	Kimberley K. Leslie, M.D.	Georgetown University	AAOGF Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1989-1991	Charles J. Lockwood, M.D.	Yale University	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1990-1992	Bruce B. Feinburg, M.D.	University of Texas- Houston	AAOGF Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1990-1992	Donald J. Dudley, M.D.	University of Utah- School of Medicine	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1990-1992	Karen K. Smith-McCune, M.D.	NIH	AAOGF-RSDP Scholar

Year	Recipient	Institution	Award
1990-1992	Ruth Ann Word, M.D.	University of Texas - Dallas	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1991-1993	Patricia M. Garcia, M.D.	Northwestern	AAOGF-Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1991-1993	Wen-Hui Shen, M.D.	UCSF	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1991-1993	Daniel M. Lasser, M.D.	Columbia	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1992-1993	Hugh Taylor, M.D.	Yale University	AAOGF Post Doctoral Fellow
1992-1993	Donna O'Shea, M.D.	Washington University	AAOGF-Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1992-1994	Hoa N. Nguyen, M.D.	University of Miami	AAOGF-Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1992-1994	Susan L. Sipes, M.D.	Thomas Jefferson University	AAOGF-RSDP Scholar
1993-1995	Craig Best, M.D.	Harvard Medical School	AAOGF-James Kennedy Fellow
1993-1995	Manju Monga, M.D.	University of Texas-Houston	AAOGF-Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1993-1995	Susan Ramin, M.D.	University of Texas-SW School of Med	AAOGF-J. Bay Jacobs Fellow
1994-1996	Serdar E. Bulun, M.D.	University of Texas	AAOGF-Walter Dannreuther Fellow
1994-1996	Lisa Halvorson, M.D.	Tufts University School of Medicine	AAOGF-RSDP Scholar
1994-1996	Donna Johnson, M.D.	University of CA-San Diego	AAOGF-General Memorial Fellow
1994-1996	Phillip N. Rauk, M.D.	University of Pittsburgh	AAOGF-Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1995-1997	Gregory Reid, M.D.	Northwestern University	AAOGF-James Kennedy Fellow

Year	Recipient	Institution	Award
1995-1997	Jan L. Shifren, M.D.	University of CA-San Francisco Change of site: Massachusetts General Hospital	AAOGF-J. Bay Jacobs Fellow
1995-1998	Kee-Hak Lim, M.D.	University of CA-San Francisco	AAOGF-Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1996-1998	Carolyn Muller, M.D.	University of Texas Southwestern	AAOGF-RSDP Scholar
1996-1998	J. Ricardo Loret de Mola, M.D.	Case Western Reserve University	AAOGF-Walter Dannreuther Fellow
1996-1998	Susan P. Seligman, M.D.	New York University Medical Center	AAOGF-ABOG Scholar
1996-1999	Donna S. Dizon-Townson, M.D.	University of Utah	AAOGF-Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1997-2000	Paula Amato, M.D.	University of CA-San Diego	AAOGF-James Kennedy Fellow
1997-2000	Henry L. Galan, M.D.	University of Colorado Health SC	AAOGF-Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1997-2000	Eileen Wang, M.D.	Northwestern University	AAOGF-ABOG Fellow
1998-2001	Helen H. Kim, M.D.	Brigham & Women's Hospital	AAOGF-RSDP Scholar
1998-2001	Douglas A. Woelkers, M.D.	University of Pittsburgh	AAOGF-Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1998-2001	Khaled Zeitoun, M.D.	UT Southwestern Med Ctr at Dallas	AAOGF-ABOG Scholar
1999-2002	J. Rebecca Liu, M.D.	University of Michigan	AAOGF-ABOG Scholar
1999-2002	Karen Lu, M.D.	MD Anderson Cancer Center	AAOGF-Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
1999-2002	Aleksandar Rajkovic, M.D.	Baylor College of Medicine	AAOGF-RSDP Scholar

Year	Recipient	Institution	Award
2000-2003	George Coukos, M.D., Ph.D.	University of Pennsylvania	AAOGF-ABOG Scholar
2000-2003	Oliver Dorigo, M.D.	University of CA-Los Angeles	AAOGF-Burroughs Wellcome Scholar
2001-2004	Angeles Aleida Alvarez- Secord, M.D.	Duke University Medical Center	AAOGF-ABOG Scholar
2001-2004	Wanda Kay Nicholson, M.D.	Johns Hopkins School of Medicine	AAOGF-J. Bay Jacobs Scholar
2002-2005	Kristine Y. Lain, M.D.	University of Pittsburgh	AAOGF-ABOG Scholar
2003-2006	Michael House, M.D.	Tufts-New England Medical Center	AAOGF-SMFM Scholar
2004-2007	Donna M. Neal, M.D.	Yale University	AAOGF-SMFM Scholar
2004-2007	Virginia D. Winn, M.D., Ph.D	University of CA- San Francisco	AAOGF-ABOG Scholar
2005-2008	Janet Andrews, M.D.	University of Iowa	AAOGF-SMFM Scholar

Application Format – COVER PAGE

Applicant:

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____
Institution: _____

Mentor:

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____
Institution: _____

Dept. Chair

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____
Institution: _____

Topic/Title:

APPLICATION FORMAT (Please use Fonts - Times Roman 12)

- I. Candidate qualifications
 - A. Complete curriculum vitae with bibliography, past research experience
 - B. Record of other research and/or training grants or awards - past and pending
 - C. Career plans (1/2 page)
- II. Letters of support and commitment (must accompany application)
 - A. Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Should include the basis for the sponsoring department's selection of the candidate and future plans for development and placement.
Should also confirm that at least 75% of the candidate's efforts will be spent in research and research training and that there will be a matching institutional commitment of at least \$30,000 per year for the funding period.
 - B. Mentor(s)
 1. Should include a statement of commitment to the candidate's program and training. Should describe mentoring plan and evaluation including proposed means of evaluating productivity.
Complete curriculum vitae with bibliography and research support.
- III. Description of training program (2-4 pages)
 - A. Didactic experience
 - B. Formal course load
 - C. Structured conferences
 - D. Laboratory responsibilities
 - E. Non-research related clinical responsibilities.

- IV. Resources (1 page)
 - A. Space
 - B. Equipment
 - C. Other departmental support resources

- V. Research proposal (6 pages)
 - A. Abstract
 - B. Specific aims
 - C. Background and significance
 - D. Experimental design and methods
 - E. Selected Bibliography

- VI. Budget*
 - A. Personal salary support
 - B. Purchase of equipment and supplies
 - C. Technician salaries
 - D. Services
 - E. Other items (specify)
 - *Total annual funding to scholars will be \$100,000, of which at least \$5,000 but not more than \$15,000 must be used for employee benefits. In addition, sufficient funds to support travel to the annual fellows' retreat must be set aside. The balance of funds may be used for salary, technical support, and supplies.

- VII. Documentation of approvals (Just in time format)
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Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee