



AGA Fellowship to Faculty Transition Award¹

DESCRIPTION

This award provides \$40,000 per year for two years for current trainees in gastroenterology related fields so they may gain additional research training in gastrointestinal, liver function or related diseases.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the award is to prepare physicians for independent research careers in digestive diseases. The award provides salary support for additional full-time research training in basic science to acquire modern laboratory skills. The additional two years of research training provided by this award should broaden and expand the scope of investigative tools available to the recipient, generally in basic disciplines such as cell or molecular biology or immunology.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be MDs or MD/PhDs currently in a gastroenterology-related fellowship, clinically active, at a North American institution and committed to academic careers. They will have completed at least two years of research training at the start of this award.
- Applicants must be AGA Trainee members and be sponsored by an AGA member at the time of application. Please visit www.gastro.org or call 301-654-2055, extension 651, for membership information
- Women and minority investigators are strongly encouraged to apply.

AWARD OVERLAP

If an award recipient receives notification of another award with overlapping scientific objectives, prior to the start date of an AGA or FDHN award, the applicant must choose between the two awards.

REQUIREMENTS

- Awards are made for salary support for the recipient. Indirect costs are not allowed. Applicants must demonstrate how they will obtain additional knowledge through the proposed project and how that knowledge may be used in their future research.
- Upon notification of receipt of this award, the recipient must provide approval from the appropriate committee at his/her institution for use of human subjects or animals. If approval is not necessary, the recipient must provide an explanation.
- At the end of the award, the recipient will be required to indicate how the funds were used, the accomplishments made during the project and how the additional training contributed to his/her research career development. A complete financial statement and scientific progress report are required annually and upon completion of the program. Second year funding is contingent upon submission of Financial Statements and Progress Reports.
- All publications, presentations and abstracts arising from work funded by this program must acknowledge support from the AGA and the Foundation for Digestive Health and Nutrition.

SPONSORS

Applicants must be sponsored by an AGA member who directs a gastroenterology-related unit (e.g., division chief) engaged in research training in a North American medical school, affiliated teaching hospital or research institute. It is expected that the aims of the application should be distinct from those of the sponsor's research program.

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Should the experimental objectives of other applications from the sponsor be included in the application for the Fellowship/Faculty Transition Award, the applicant will be disqualified from consideration.

PRECEPTOR

Each applicant must be co-sponsored by the director of a basic or other comparable laboratory, who is committed to the training and development of the recipient, prepared to offer the resources of his/her laboratory, and able to spend the requisite time and effort necessary to guarantee a high-quality research and training experience.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Recipients will be selected based on novelty, feasibility and significance of the proposal; attributes of the candidate; the record and commitment of the sponsors; and the institutional and laboratory environment.

REVIEW PROCESS

A selection committee comprised of members of the AGA Research Awards Panel will review the proposals and select the recipients in November.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application deadline for this award is midnight, September 4. To download the award application, please visit www.fdn.org. The completed application, letters of support or commitment and other documents, as applicable, must be combined into and submitted as one PDF document. The document must be titled by the applicant's last name and first initial only. Hard copies are not accepted. Please email the application document to awards@fdhn.org. Please direct all questions to the Research Awards Manager, by telephone at 301-222-4012 or via email at awards@fdhn.org. For more information about this award and other AGA Foundation research funding opportunities, please visit the Foundation Web site at www.fdn.org.

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