



## AGA Student Research Fellowship Award

### DESCRIPTION

This program offers \$2,500 awards for high school students to spend time performing research in digestive diseases or nutrition for a minimum of ten (10) weeks. The research may take place at any time during the year.

### OBJECTIVE

To stimulate interest in research careers in digestive diseases by providing salary support for research projects.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates must be high school students who attend accredited North American institutions.
- Candidates may not hold similar salary support awards from other agencies (e.g., American Liver Foundation, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America).
- **The award is not intended to provide salary for laboratory technicians.**
- Past recipients of the Student Research Fellowship Award may reapply for continuous funding provided they submit a progress report indicating how this funding will further his/her research.
- Women and minority students are strongly encouraged to apply.

### REQUIREMENTS

- The awards are provided to students performing research supervised by a preceptor for a minimum of ten (10) weeks.
- A letter of recommendation from a past or current teacher or supervisor is required.
- Indirect costs are not allowed. The award is paid directly to the student and is to be used as a stipend.
- A scientific progress report is required upon completion of the fellowship.
- All publications, abstracts and presentations arising from work funded by this program must acknowledge support from the AGA Foundation for Digestive Health and Nutrition.

### PRECEPTOR

The preceptor must be a full-time faculty member who directs a research program in a gastroenterology-related area at an accredited North American institution. The preceptor must provide a statement indicating his/her involvement in the completion of the application; his/her training record; and the student's role in the study. In addition, he/she must be a member of the AGA at the time of application submission.

### SELECTION CRITERIA and REVIEW PROCESS

Awardees will be selected based on novelty, feasibility and significance of the proposal; attributes of the candidate; the record of the preceptor; evidence of institutional commitment; and the laboratory environment. A selection committee composed of members of the AGA Research Award Panel will review the proposals and select the awardee.

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Students who receive an award are encouraged (not required) to submit abstracts for presentation at Digestive Disease Week (DDW), the world's largest gathering of clinicians, educators and researchers in gastrointestinal and hepatic disease and function. If a recipient's abstract is accepted for presentation, he/she will be eligible to apply for the AGA Student Abstract Prize, a \$500 travel award to cover expenses to attend DDW. To submit an abstract for consideration, go to [www.ddw.org](http://www.ddw.org) and click on "Abstract Submission."

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

The application deadline date for this award is March 12. If the deadline occurs on a weekend or holiday, the application document must be received by midnight the following business day. To download the award application, please visit [www.fdhn.org](http://www.fdhn.org). The completed application, letters of support or commitment and other documents, as required, must be combined into and submitted as one PDF file. The document must be titled by the applicant's last name and first initial only. Hard copies will not be accepted. Please email the application file to [awards@fdhn.org](mailto: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](mailto:awards@fdhn.org). For more information about this award and other AGA Foundation research funding opportunities, please visit the Foundation Web site at [www.fdhn.org](http://www.fdhn.org).

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