Fellowship Opportunities

APA Minority Fellowships Invites Applicants
Psychiatry residents are invited to apply for APA’s Minority Fellowships Program (MFP). The MFP provides educational opportunities not only to minority residents, but to any resident interested in providing quality and effective service to minorities and the underserved. The fellowship provides the funds necessary for psychiatry residents to experience a specialized educational program specifically geared toward building leaders in psychiatry to improve the quality of mental health care for the following federally recognized ethnic minority groups: American Indians, Native Alaskans, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, Native Pacific Islanders, African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos. The fellowship is also designed to involve the resident in the work of the association and to give APA the perspective of young psychiatrists.

There are three groups of MFP fellows: APA/ SAMHSA Fellows (funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), APA/SAMHSA Substance Abuse fellows (funded by the Centers for Substance abuse Treatment and Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAT, CSAP), and APA/AstraZeneca Fellows (funded by AstraZeneca). The selected SAMHSA and Substance Abuse Fellows receive a fellowship award (stipend), based on their post graduate year and availability of federal funds. AstraZeneca fellows do not receive stipends; however, travel funds are available for specific APA meetings and special projects. AstraZeneca fellows serve for two years. Psychiatry residents-in-training must be at least a PGY-2 in July 2010 and remain in training during the entire academic year. Applicants must be APA members. SAMHSA applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents at the time of application. Federal employees are ineligible. AstraZeneca applicants do not have to be U.S. citizens or permanent residents or graduates of a U.S. medical school. SAMHSA Substance Abuse applicants must be in their PGY-5 of training in July 2010 and in a substance abuse training program approved by the affiliated medical school or agency where a significant number of substance abuse patients are from minority and underserved groups, may apply for the substance abuse segment. All applicants are welcome to apply regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or disability. The deadline for applications is January 30. For more information contact Marilyn King at 703/907-8653 or mking@psych.org. Please visit the fellowship webpage at http://www.psych.org/Resources/OMNA/MFP.aspx

Applications Invited for Congressional Fellowship

The American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychiatric Foundation, invite nominations for the Jeanne Spurlock Congressional Fellowship.

The Jeanne Spurlock Congressional Fellowship provides all psychiatry residents, fellows and early career psychiatrists a unique opportunity to work in a congressional office on federal health policy, particularly policy related to child and/or minority issues. This fellowship was established
in honor of the late Jeanne Spurlock, M.D., who was Deputy Medical Director of APA’s Office of Minority/National Affairs and an advocate for child and minority issues.

The recipient will serve a ten-month fellowship on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC starting January 2, 2011. The fellow will be introduced to the structure and development of federal and congressional health policy, with a focus on mental health issues affecting minorities and underserved populations, including children. Fellows traditionally help develop legislative proposals, track and analyze legislative initiatives, arrange hearings, brief Congressmen or Congresswomen and their staff, and interact with their constituents.

The Fellowship is open to all psychiatry residents, fellows and early career psychiatrists. Applicants must be APA members, U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Applications, in the form of a letter, three letters of recommendation, and CV should be sent to Marilyn King; APA Office of Minority/National Affairs, 1000 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1825, Arlington, VA 22209 by March 12, 2010. This fellowship is supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Wyeth.

Former award recipients: Drs. Sue Ishiyama (Cong. Patrick Kennedy), Ericka Goodwin (Cong. Donna Christensen), Harsh Trevidi (Sen. Jack Reed), Jose Vito (Sen. Gordon Smith), and Toya Clay (Cong. Janice Schakowsky), Daniel Bober (Sen. Patty Murray) and Vasilis Pozios (Cong. John Conyers). Dr. Kahlil Johnson is the current fellow who will complete his fellowship in the office of Congressman Edolphus Towns in November 2009.

Additional information is available at http://www.psych.org/Resources/OMNA/MFP/spurlock-congressional-fellowship.aspx or by contacting Marilyn King at 703-907-8653, e-mail mking@psych.org.

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American Psychiatric Association (APA)

Travel Scholarship for Minority Medical Students

Application Deadline: January 29, 2010

The Travel Scholarship for minority medical students supports travel and related costs for approximately 10 medical students to attend the APA yearly Annual Meetings to be held in May each year at various locations.

For more information on this and other student awards please visit: http://www.psych.org/Resources/OMNA/MFP.aspx

American Psychiatric Association

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Minority Fellowship Program

Minority Medical Student Awards and Scholarships
The American Psychiatric Association invites ethnic minority medical students who have an interest in psychiatric issues to apply for the 2010 Minority Medical Student Scholarships and Awards:

- **Travel Scholarships for Minority Medical Students**
  Supports travel and related costs for approximately 10 minority medical students interested in psychiatry to attend either the APA annual meeting in May or the Institute on Psychiatric Services (IPS) meeting in October. This program is a terrific way for medical students to witness organized psychiatry at work and to learn more about the field. Not only will students attend sessions for experts and trainees alike, they will be assigned to a mentor who will help them maximize their annual meeting or IPS experience and discuss career plans and resident training programs. **The deadline to apply for the Annual Meeting is January 29, 2010. The IPS meeting application deadline is June 25, 2010.**

- **Minority Medical Student Fellowship in HIV Psychiatry**
  This program is intended to identify minority medical students who have primary interests in services related to HIV/AIDS and substance abuse and its relationship to the mental health or psychological well being of ethnic minorities. For more information contact Carol Svoboda at (703) 907-8642, csoboda@psych.org or Diane Pennessi at (703) 907-8668, dpennessi@psych.org. **The deadline to apply is March 31, 2010.**

- **Minority Medical Student Summer Mentoring Program**
  This program is intended to identify ethnic minority medical students who have an interest in psychiatric issues and expose students to a setting where they can work closely with a psychiatrist mentor for one month. The deadline to apply is **February 26, 2010.**

- **Minority Medical Student Summer Externship in Addiction Psychiatry**
  This clinical shadowing program identifies minority medical students who may have a specific interest in services related to substance abuse treatment/prevention and provide a setting where the student can work closely with a mentor who specializes in addiction psychiatry for one month. The deadline to apply is **February 26, 2010.**

These programs are open to ethnic minority medical students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents currently enrolled in a U.S. medical school. Ethnic minorities are: American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Asian-American, African American, and Hispanic/Latino.

Program details, application requirements, and the application form can be downloaded from [http://www.psych.org/Resources/OMNA/MFP.aspx](http://www.psych.org/Resources/OMNA/MFP.aspx)