

David Mersy, M.D. Student Summer Externship Program

Research Grants from the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians Foundation



OVERVIEW

The Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians Foundation presents the **David Mersy, M.D. Summer Externship Program** for Minnesota's medical students who want to explore the specialty of family medicine, design a research project, and work with a family physician mentor to implement a family medicine research project.

Medical students will generate a family medicine research project, define a hypothesis or research question, design a study, collect and analyze data, and present their findings. Students work along side a family physician mentor throughout the project.

Grants in the amount of \$2,000 are available through a competitive application process. Award notification is 6 to 8 weeks after the application deadline. Mentors are eligible to receive a \$500 honorarium.

REQUIREMENTS

- Projects must relate to Family Medicine.
- Data is collected during the Summer with analysis and writing done in the Fall. Projects must be completed within one year.
- All research projects are to be conducted under the guidance of a family physician mentor who assists the student in developing a hypothesis, completing the application, addressing IRB and HIPAA requirements (as applicable) and conducting the study.
- Students must meet with their mentor prior to applying. Contact us if you need to locate a mentor.
- Students and mentors must be members of the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians. Join online at www.aafp.org (free for students).
- Upon completion of the project, students are required to submit a final paper and present their findings at a future MAFP Research Forum.
- Grant funds help support the project.

APPLICATIONS ARE EVALUATED BASED ON

- Importance of topic to family medicine.
- Clarity of hypothesis and sufficient evidence presented to support the research question.
- Soundness of methodology to collect and analyze data.
- Scope of project to be completed within time frame.
- Familiarity with basic research concepts.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Use 12 pt font, double-spacing and one-inch margins. Format your cover letter and research proposal using the headings noted below. **To see a sample application, visit www.mafp.org/foundation.asp and click "View our Programs."**

Cover Letter (no more than 1 page):

- Applicant information: name, address, phone, email, medical school, and year.
- Mentor information: name, title, organization or institution, department/division, address, phone and email.
- Academic and research experience.
- Your interest in applying for a research grant.
- Future medical plans.

Research Proposal (no more than 5 pages):

- a) Title of project – brief description of the intent of the project
- b) Significance to the specialty of family medicine
- c) Hypothesis – state the research question
- d) Rationale – why is the research important
- e) Study design – outline the steps you will take in completing the research
- f) Address IRB and HIPAA compliance as applicable (check with your institution)
- g) Sample size and data collection process
- h) Statistics and data analysis – explain how the data will be analyzed
- i) Projected timeline
- j) Projected budget (expenses)
- k) References

Application deadline: March 1, 2010

Submit by email, fax or US Mail to:

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