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July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship

Frequently Asked Questions

As a premier funder of neurosurgical studies, the Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF) of the American Association of Neurosurgeons (AANS) focuses on providing fellowship funding in basic neuroscience and neurosurgical programs in North America.

Please read the document in its entirety prior to completing the application. After reviewing the application and the answers below, if you still have questions, contact the Development Coordinator by email at grants@nref.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. WHO SHOULD APPLY

- The fellowship is open to all senior neurosurgical residents (PGY6 & PGY7) in approved neurosurgery residency programs whose intent is to pursue an academic career in neurological surgery. The host institution must be outside of North America. It is offered strictly as a post-residency fellowship.

2. CITIZENSHIP AND SITE SELECTION

- United States citizenship is not a requirement. The country of study must be different than the country of residence.

3. AMOUNT OF FUNDING

- The fellowship provides up to a \$120,000 stipend for living and travel expenses to a foreign country for a period of twelve months; a \$6,000 stipend for family travel and living allowance is available if the spouse and/or children are accompanying the fellow; and \$5,000 is available for medical insurance if needed. One award per year is typically given.

4. FUNDING FOR RESEARCH SUPPORT

- The fellowship makes \$15,000 of research support available to the university, hospital or laboratory, which has agreed to sponsor the Van Wagenen Fellow.

5. FELLOWSHIP TIMELINE

- The fellowship begins **July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021**

6. REPORTING

- The fellow selected will be required to submit a mid-year report and final report and accounting summary. The final report and accounting summary will be due within forty (40) days of the end of the grant period.

7. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Applications will be available at www.nref.org/en/GrantApplications.aspx/ using your AANS login, beginning **August 1, 2018**. No paper submissions will be accepted.

8. DEADLINE AND REQUIREMENTS

- The completed application must be submitted by **Saturday, October 1, 2018**. The application must be submitted with letters of reference, including one from the applicant's Program Director. A letter from the proposed sponsor and documentation of intent to pursue an academic career, while not required, will strengthen the application.

9. APPLICATION RECEIPT NOTIFICATION

- Once an administrative review of applications has taken place, each applicant will be notified with the status of their application. If you do not receive an email by October 15, 2018, please email the Development Coordinator at grants@nref.org.

10. AWARDEE NOTIFICATION

- Notification of awards will be made no later than January 15, 2019.

