The American Brain Foundation, the foundation of the American Academy of Neurology, is pleased to announce two two-year fellowships to support clinical research training on the neurological application of neurotoxins towards the treatment of neurological conditions and patient care. These fellowships are funded by the Allergan Foundation.

Each fellowship will consist of a commitment of $55,000 per year for two years, plus $10,000 per year for tuition to support formal education in clinical research methodology at the applicant’s institution or elsewhere. Supplementation of the stipend with other grants or by the fellowship institution is permissible, but fellows may not accept other fellowships, similar awards, or have another source of support for more than 50 percent of their research salary during the first year of an American Brain Foundation Clinical Research Training Fellowship. If similar awards are obtained after completion of the first year of the American Brain Foundation Clinical Research Training Fellowship, fellows are required to submit a revised budget for review by executive members of the American Brain Foundation Research Committee or may need to forfeit the rest of the American Brain Foundation award. Only direct costs will be funded by this fellowship.

HOW TO APPLY
1. Visit AAN.com/view/fellowships2015
2. Select “Clinical Research Training Fellowships”
3. Select “Clinical Research Training Fellowship in the Neurological Application of Neurotoxins”
4. Select “Apply Now”

Please submit only one application. The review committee will consider your application for all of the applicable fellowships.

IMPORTANT DATES
October 1, 2014: Application deadline
January 2015: Notification of Recipients
July 1, 2015: Funding begins

ELIGIBILITY
1. For the purpose of this fellowship, clinical research is defined as “patient-oriented research conducted with human subjects, or translational research specifically designed to develop treatments or enhance diagnosis of neurological disease. These areas of research include epidemiologic or behavioral studies, clinical trials, studies of disease mechanisms, the development of new technologies, and health services and outcomes research.” Disease-related studies not directly involving humans or human tissue are also encouraged if the primary goal is the development of therapies, diagnostic tests, or other tools to prevent or mitigate neurological diseases.
2. Applicant must be an AAN member interested in an academic career in clinical research who has completed residency or a post-doctoral fellowship (for a PhD) within the past five years. Those early in their clinical research careers will be given priority.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION
Applications are evaluated by members of the Clinical Research Subcommittee, Translational Neuroscience Subcommittee, and various ad-hoc reviewers based on the following criteria:
- Applicant’s ability and promise as a clinician-scientist based on prior record of achievement and career plan, letters of reference, and curriculum vitae (30 percent)
- Quality and nature of the training to be provided and the institutional, departmental, and mentor-specific training environment (30 percent)
- Quality and originality of the research plan (40 percent)

Evaluations will be forwarded to the American Brain Foundation Research Committee for final determination of the award.

ANNUAL AND FINAL PROGRESS REPORTS
An annual progress report is due in May of the first year. Renewal of the award in year two is contingent upon presentation of a satisfactory progress report. Additionally, a final research report and a final expenditure report are due within 60 days following the close of the grant term. The institution must prepare the final expenditure report.

MATERIALS FOR APPLICATION
Submit one complete set of the following application materials online at: AAN.com/view/fellowships2015:
1. Letter of nomination from the chair of the department of neurology, including assurance that clinical service responsibilities will be restricted to no more than 20 percent of the fellow’s time.
2. Three-page research plan, including brief statements of aims, background, and the contemplated approaches to methodology and data. The research plan should be written by the applicant and should represent his/her original work. However, the applicant is expected and encouraged to develop this plan based on discussion with the proposed mentor. It is appropriate for the proposed work to be specifically related to the mentor’s ongoing research, but not required.
4. Two letters of reference supporting the applicant’s potential for a clinical, academic research career and qualifications for the fellowship. Letters of reference are in addition to the three-page research plan.
5. Listing of the applicant’s and mentor’s current and pending support, other than this fellowship, using NIH format.
6. Letter from proposed mentor detailing his/her support of and commitment to the applicant and the proposed research and training plan. The letter should specifically indicate the mentor’s role in the development and preparation of the applicant’s research plan. More than one mentor is permitted. One mentor should be designated as primary and be responsible for administrative issues. Letter should include:
   - How the proposed research fits into the mentor’s research program.
   - Expertise and experience in the area of research proposed and the nature of the mentor’s proposed time commitment to the supervision and training of the applicant.
   - Mentor’s prior experience in the supervision, training, and successful mentoring of clinician scientists.
   - Potential for applicant’s future research career and comparison of applicant amongst other residents.
7. Proposed mentor’s NIH Biobreaket.
8. Document describing arrangements for formal course work including: quantitative clinical epidemiology, biostatistics, study design, data analysis, and ethics.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING PHYSICIAN PAYMENT SUNSHINE ACT
The Physician Payment Sunshine Act (“PPSA”) requires pharmaceutical and device manufacturers (“Manufacturer”) to report to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”) certain payments or transfers of value made to physicians, including payments made through third parties. The Clinical Research Training Fellowship (“CRTF”) you are applying for may be funded in whole or in part from a transfer of value made from a Manufacturer. By applying for a CRTF you understand that if you are awarded the CRTF, the supporting Manufacturer may be required under the PPSA to report the following information to CMS: your First, Middle, and Last Names, Primary Business Address, Email Address, Physician Primary Type, National Provider Identifier (if applicable), Physician Specialty, and Physician License State and License Number (“Reporting Information”). If required, the Reporting Information will be included in the CMS report that is published on a publically available website. If requested by ABF, all recipients of CRTFs must provide Reporting Information to ABF within thirty days of ABF’s request. If required, ABF will provide Reporting Information to the applicable supporting Manufacturer, and that Manufacturer will provide CMS the Reporting Information along with additional information, including: Total Amount of Payment, Date of Payment, Form of Payment, and Nature of Payment. If you do not wish to be requested for accepting a CRTF, please do not apply.