American Academy of Neurology Institute 2014
Medical Education Research Training Fellowship
Application Deadline: August 1, 2014

The American Academy of Neurology Institute (AAN Institute), the education subsidiary of the American Academy of Neurology, is pleased to announce a one-year Medical Education Research Training Fellowship. The fellowship is supported by the AAN Institute. The fellowship will consist of a commitment of $65,000 for one year. Up to $10,000 of the fellowship funds may be used for tuition to support formal education in education 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 while holding an AAN Institute Medical Education Research Training Fellowship. Only direct costs will be funded by this fellowship.

ELIGIBILITY
1. For the purpose of this fellowship, medical education research is defined as “medically oriented education research with the goal of developing efficient and effective psychosocial and behavioral interventions to improve teaching, learning, and health care practice to ultimately impact patient and family outcomes.”
2. Applicant must be an AAN member (Active or Junior) embarking on a career in medical education research who has completed a neurology, child neurology, or neuro-developmental disabilities residency or neurology fellowship within the past five years.
3. The primary mentor may be from a different institution. Mentors from other disciplines of education research are welcome.

MATERIALS FOR APPLICATION
Submit one complete set of the following application materials via the AAN.com website: AAN.com/view/EducationRFA:
1. Letter of nomination from the chair of the department of neurology or child neurology, including assurance that at least 50 percent of the fellow’s time will be dedicated to the research of this fellowship.
2. A 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 related to the mentor’s ongoing research, but not required.
3. Up to one-page statement of the training plan which may consist of formal coursework and/or informal training by the mentor including: Quantitative and qualitative education research methodology, biostatistics, study design, data analysis, and ethics.
5. One letter of reference supporting the applicant’s potential for an academic education research career and qualifications for the fellowship. Letter of reference is in addition to the three-page research plan.
6. Listing of the applicant’s current and pending support, other than this fellowship, using NIH format.
7. Listing of the mentor’s current and pending support, other than this fellowship, using NIH format.
8. 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 and should describe:
   - Expertise and experience in the area of education 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 education researchers.
9. Proposed mentor’s NIH Biosketch or CV.
10. Additional letters of support/endorsement from key collaborators or stakeholders are permitted but not required (if more than one letter of support/endorsement, combine all into one pdf).

EVALUATION AND SELECTION
Applications are evaluated by members of the AAN Institute’s Education Research Subcommittee based on the following criteria:

• Applicant’s ability and potential as a medical education researcher 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 (30 percent).
• Quality and originality of the research plan (40 percent).
Priority will be given to plans evaluating educational outcomes impacting learning and medical practice change, population health outcomes, and patient quality or safety outcomes. The intervention population may be medical students, residents, practicing physicians (i.e., CME), or interprofessional health care teams.

Funding begins October 1, 2014, after executing a signed agreement, prepared by the AAN Institute, between the AAN Institute, the recipient, and the recipient’s institution. Half of the funding will be in 2014, and half will be in early in 2015.

ANNUAL AND FINAL PROGRESS REPORTS
A progress report will be due by May 30, 2015. A one-year, no-cost extension may be awarded only with approval by the AAN Institute’s Education Research Subcommittee. Additionally, a final research report and a final expenditure report are due by February 28, 2016. The institution must prepare the final expenditure report.

DEADLINE AND ADDRESS
All applications and supporting materials must be received by August 1, 2014. All materials must be submitted online. Apply now at AAN.com/view/EducationRFA.
Notification of recipients: October 2014.
For more information, contact Nancy Poechmann, Manager, Education & Travel, at npoechmann@aan.com or (612) 928-6103.

Please note: For the 2015 fellowship, the application deadline will be February 1, 2015. Notification of the recipient will take place in April 2015. All 2015 funding will be dispensed in 2015.