The American Academy of Neurology is pleased to announce a mentored award for junior investigators interested in an academic career in laboratory-based research in neurology.

Each award will consist of a commitment of $55,000 per year for two years, plus a $10,000 per year stipend to support formal education in research methodology at the recipient’s institution or elsewhere. The award aims to recognize the importance of good laboratory or preclinical research and encourage young investigators in these studies. Supplementation of the award with other grants or by the institution is permissible, but recipients may not accept other awards or have another source of support for more than 50 percent of their research salary during the first year of a Neurology Research Training Scholar award. If similar awards are obtained after completion of the first year of the Neurology Research Training Scholar award, recipients are required to submit a revised budget for review or may need to forfeit the rest of the award. Only direct costs will be funded by this award.

HOW TO APPLY
1. Visit AAN.com/view/ResearchProgram
2. Select “Neurology Research Training Scholar”
3. Select “Apply now”

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

IMPORTANT DATES
October 1, 2016: Application deadline
January 2017: Notification of recipients
July 1, 2017: Funding begins

ELIGIBILITY
1. This award is for junior investigators interested in an academic career in laboratory-based research in neurology.
2. Recipient must be an AAN member who has completed residency or a post-doctoral fellowship (for a PhD) within the past five years. Those early in their research careers will be given priority.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION
Applications are evaluated by members of the Research Program Workgroup 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)

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/ResearchProgram:
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 recipient’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 award. 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 award, 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 Biosketch.
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 award you are applying for may be funded in whole or in part from a transfer of value made from a Manufacturer. By applying for an AAN award you understand that if you are the recipient of the award, 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 publicly available website. If requested by AAN, all recipients must provide Reporting Information to AAN within thirty days of AAN’s request. If required, AAN 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 reported for accepting this award, please do not apply.

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