

McKnight Clinical Translational Research Scholarship in Cognitive Aging and Age Related Memory Loss

Funded by the McKnight Brain Research Foundation

Application Deadline: October 1, 2017

The American Academy of Neurology in conjunction with the McKnight Brain Research Foundation and the American Brain Foundation is pleased to announce the McKnight Clinical Translational Research Scholarship in Cognitive Aging and Age-Related Memory Loss. This award aims to encourage young investigators in clinical studies relevant to age related memory loss. The award also recognizes the importance of rigorous training in clinical research, and encourages young investigators in seeking opportunities to establish future careers in the area of human cognitive aging.

Each award will consist of a commitment of \$65,000 per year for two years, plus a \$10,000 per year stipend to support education and research-related costs for a total of \$150,000. For additional information regarding this policy, visit aan.com/research-and-awards/aan-research-program/frequently-asked-questions/

HOW TO APPLY

1. Visit AAN.com/view/ResearchProgram
2. Select "McKnight Clinical Translational Research Scholarship"
3. Select "McKnight Clinical Translational Research Scholarship in Cognitive and Age-Related Memory Loss"
4. Select "Apply now"

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

IMPORTANT DATES

October 1, 2017: Application
deadline January 2018: Notification
of recipients July 1, 2018: Funding
begins

ELIGIBILITY

1. For the purpose of this scholarship, 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 associated with cognitive changes, and/or age-related memory loss. 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. This award is also appropriate for junior investigators interested in an academic career in translational-based research in neurology.
2. Recipient must be interested in an academic career in neurological research who has completed residency or a PhD degree no more than 5 years prior to the beginning of this award.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Applications are evaluated by 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 NIH Biosketch (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 final expenditure report must be prepared by the institution's financial office.

MATERIALS FOR APPLICATION

Complete an online application by visiting
AAN.com/view/ResearchProgram:

1. Letter of nomination from the chair of your department, 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 but not required for the proposed work to be specifically related to the mentor's ongoing research.
3. Applicant's NIH Biosketch
4. Two letters of reference supporting the applicant's potential for a clinical, academic research career and qualifications for the scholarship.
5. Listing of the applicant's current, pending, and overlapping support, including pending overlapping support 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 and 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 among other residents
7. Proposed mentor's NIH Biosketch, including listing of mentor's current and pending support.
8. Plans and arrangements for formal course work including quantitative clinical epidemiology, biostatistics, study design, data analysis, and ethics.

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