



National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Greater New England Chapter

Medical Student Summer Clinical Fellowship in Multiple Sclerosis 2013

Sponsored by: The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England Chapter

Award Amount: \$2,000

Number of Awards: 2

Purpose

The fellowship is offered to medical students who have completed at least their first year of medical school and is intended to support medical students interested in gaining exposure to working with patients with multiple sclerosis. The experience will enable fellows to gain exposure to the diagnosis and comprehensive treatment of patients with multiple sclerosis primarily, but not exclusively, in a clinical, out-patient setting.

Program Design

The fellow will work with neurologists specializing in multiple sclerosis in the outpatient setting, and observe most aspects of MS specialty care as it relates to diagnosis and treatment. During the four week fellowship, the fellow will have a one day orientation at The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England Chapter office in Waltham, MA, and will then rotate through 6-8 National Multiple Sclerosis Society Partners in MS Care, Centers for Comprehensive MS Care, located in the Boston-Worcester areas, spending 2-4 days at each center. The fellowship is full-time and will take place during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, and some evening hours (not more than four nights over the course of four weeks)

The principal aim of this program is to generate interest in careers in the clinical care of people with multiple sclerosis. The fellowship will not include working on research projects, although clinical research projects may be part of the learning process.

Fellowships are available in June and July for a four-week period. The commitment must be full-time for the entire month. Awards may be activated beginning June 1st or July 1st, 2013.

Fellows must submit a summary of their experience to the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at the conclusion of their summer fellowship.

Eligibility

The fellowship is open to all medical students attending school in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire or Vermont who are US Citizens or candidates lawfully admitted to the U.S.A. for permanent residence. The fellowship will be located in Massachusetts.

Requirements

Applications will be available on-line November 1, 2012. Applicants must submit an application for the student fellowship **no later than February 1, 2013**. Only complete applications with all the required information will be considered. The student fellows must make their own living arrangements. They must also have their own daily transportation, the ability to drive to the Greater Boston and Worcester areas, and availability to attend some evening clinic hours. Fellows will be expected to be on site at each assigned MS Center, complete an issue-focused literature review on a mutually agreed upon multiple sclerosis topic and submit a 1 to 2 page summary of the fellowship experience to the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society within 2 weeks after the conclusion of their summer fellowship.

Eligible Expenses

The financial award is exclusively a stipend support to the student. Fellowships are available in June and July for a four-week period. The commitment must be full-time. Awards may be activated beginning June 1st or July 1st, 2013.

Application Requirements

1. Complete the NMSS, Greater New England Chapter application
2. Two reference letters
3. Curriculum vitae of applicant
4. Application Deadline: February 1, 2013. Applications received after this date will not be considered
5. Applicants must be available for a 30-45 minute telephone interview conducted by one of the selection committee members, to be scheduled after February 1, 2013
6. Except under extraordinary circumstances, no more than one award will be granted to students from any school

Time Line

Applications with all supporting documentation must be received by February 1, 2013. Fellowship awards will be announced and all candidates who submitted applications will be contacted by March 15, 2013.

Send complete applications to:

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