2016 Medical Student Summer Clinical Fellowship in Multiple Sclerosis

Sponsored by: New York City - Southern New York Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Award Amount: $2,000

Number of Awards: 2

Purpose
The fellowship, offered to medical students who have completed at a minimum their first year of medical school, is intended to support medical students interested in gaining experience in working with patients with multiple sclerosis. The program will introduce fellows to the diagnosis and comprehensive treatment of patients with multiple sclerosis primarily, but not exclusively, in a clinical, outpatient 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 program, the fellow will spend time working with neurologists at one or more of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Partners in MS Care Centers for Comprehensive MS Care, located in the New York City-Southern New York area. The fellowship will also include a one day orientation program at the chapter office in New York City and visits to a range of other settings important to understanding the treatment of individuals with MS. The fellowship is full-time and will take place Monday – Friday during regular business hours, with possible evening hours (no 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 a consecutive four week period. Awards may be activated Monday June 6, 13, 20, 27, or July 5, 11, 2016. Note requested activation date on application. Email Andrea Arzt at andrea.arzt@nmss.org for more information about start dates.

Fellows must submit a summary of their experience to the New York City-Southern New York 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 who are U.S. citizens or candidates lawfully admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence.

Requirements
Applicants must submit an application for the student fellowship no later than March 11, 2016. 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 and the ability to travel to their assigned sites within the New York City or Southern New York area. Within two weeks of the conclusion of the fellowship, fellows will be expected to submit a 1-2 page summary of the experience to the chapter.

Eligible Expenses
The financial award is exclusively a stipend support to the student. The commitment must be full-time. Awards may be activated starting Monday June 6, 2016 and completed by Friday, August 5, 2016.

Application Requirements
1. Complete application
2. Two reference letters
3. Curriculum vitae of applicant
4. Application deadline: March 11, 2016. Applications received after this date will not be considered

Applications are available online at: summermedicalfellowship.msnyc.org

Time Line
Applications with all supporting documentation must be received by March 11, 2016. Fellowship awards will be announced and all candidates who submitted applications will be contacted by April 15, 2016.

Send complete applications to:

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