



**2011 AASLD
ADVANCED/TRANSPLANT HEPATOLOGY
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

**Application Deadline:
October 15, 2010**

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this program is to provide salary and benefit support for GI fellows pursuing an additional, full-year of training focused on patient care in advanced/transplant hepatology, beginning on July 1, 2011. The intent of the training program is to prepare the trainee to be eligible for certification in transplant hepatology by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) or American Board of Pediatrics (ABP).

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for this award, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant must complete his/her GI fellowship training (at an ACGME approved institution) in the U.S. by July 1, 2011 or have been accepted to a U.S. GI training program (ACGME approved) beginning between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013.
2. The sponsoring institution must have a United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) approved liver transplant program, which must be in good standing and must perform at least 10 liver transplantations per year. The program must have a full-time faculty member or members capable of teaching a curriculum with a broad-base of knowledge in transplant medicine and hepatology. The program must provide training in living donor transplantation.
3. The applicant must have a faculty mentor who is active in hepatology at the applicant's sponsoring institution.
4. The applicant must be member of AASLD by the award start date and maintain active membership for the duration of the award period.
5. The applicant will be mentored during the fellowship period (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012) by a member of AASLD.
6. The applicant is a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. or recipient of a student or trainee Visa to the U.S.
7. The award is strictly for an additional year of clinical hepatology fellowship training and the applicant may not be faculty during the fellowship period (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012).
8. The applicant will not hold other, similar fellowship awards during the fellowship period (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012).
9. Each sponsoring institution may submit only one application. Those institutions with more than one location may submit only one application per location.

AWARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

An award of \$60,000 will be provided for one year. Money is for *salary and benefit support (up to 8% or \$4,800) only* for the fellow. Awards are granted to the individual applicant, not the applicant's institution. However, funds will be paid directly to the awardee's institution. In addition, the fellow's travel-related expenses incurred to attend the 2011 AASLD Annual Meeting and 2012 Digestive Disease Week® will be reimbursed up to \$2,000 per meeting and according to guidelines provided prior to each meeting.

Awards cannot be transferred to another institution and recipients cannot change their mentor without prior written approval from AASLD.

Recipients must provide a final report by July 31, 2012, summarizing their activities related to this award. The report is to be sent to AASLD and is not considered confidential. In addition, a financial report from the institution must be sent to AASLD at the end of the award year, together with any unexpended funds, also no later than July 31, 2012. The awardee's institution will be notified of reports that are not received in a timely manner.

In the event that a grant is canceled, AASLD can not assume responsibility for expenditures in excess of payments already made to the awardee's institution prior to the effective date of cancellation. All unexpended funds must be returned to AASLD. If an award is to be canceled, the recipient must provide written explanation to AASLD.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be evaluated based upon their background and their commitment to a career in adult or pediatric clinical hepatology. Specifically, candidates will be reviewed based on:

- Professional potential of the applicant
- Experience, productivity, and commitment of the faculty mentor(s)
- Clinical and/or academic environment
- Quality of proposed clinical program

AASLD will review the applications and select recipients of the award. Applications will be reviewed based only on the written materials submitted. All decisions are final. **Incomplete applications and applications that fail to adhere strictly to the instructions (including the submission deadline and page limitations) will not be reviewed.** Selection decisions will be announced by February 2011.

DEADLINE

The application deadline for this award is 11:59pm Eastern time, October 15, 2010. The completed application, letters of support or commitment and other documents as applicable must be combined into and submitted as one PDF document. The document must be titled by the applicant's last name and first initial only. Hard copies are not permitted. Please email the application to awards@asld.org.

NOTIFICATION DATE/START DATE

Notification date will be February 2011 for a July 2011 start date. The award period is July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.

Questions and requests for additional applications should be addressed to AASLD, phone 703/299-9766, fax 703/299-9622, email awards@asld.org.

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use this form as a cover page. Print or type responses.
2. Include additional information and provide signatures as requested.
3. Include separate typed pages for all additional information using one-inch margins. Put your name (last name, first name) and the name of the award in the upper right-hand corner of each page.
4. Do not use lettering smaller than 10 point. (This sentence is 10 point.)
5. Assemble the application package in the order listed in the Required Documents section on the following page of this application. Clearly label each piece of additional information.
6. Be sure to adhere to page limits and complete all sections. Applications that do not meet the requirements, in content or format, will not be reviewed.
7. Please note the award deadline. The completed application, letters of support or commitment and other documents as applicable must be combined into and submitted as one PDF document. The document must be titled by the applicant's last name and first initial only. Hard copies are not permitted. Please email the application to awards@asld.org with "Advanced/Transplant Hepatology Fellowship – {applicant's name}" in the subject line.
8. **Completed applications must be received by AASLD by 11:59 pm Eastern time on October 15, 2010.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name (last, first, middle initial) Degree(s) and year(s) granted

Current Position Appointment Date (month & year)

Current Address

Office Telephone Fax Number Email Address

Sponsoring Institution

Mentor's Name

Mentor's Address

Mentor's Office Telephone Fax Number Email Address

APPLICABLE SIGNATURES

NOTE: Your signatures below indicate that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria for this fellowship program and that the information in this application is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Signature of Applicant Name Date

Signature of Mentor Name Date

Signature of Grants Administrator Name Date

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. **Curriculum Vitae** – Provide a biographical sketch including any publications, abstracts, or presentations.
2. **Biosketch of Mentor** – Provide a biographical sketch of the mentor using the current NIH PHS 398 Form (www.grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html). **Limit to four pages.**
3. **Clinical Program Description** – The applicant must include a detailed description of the curriculum, including weekly and monthly schedule of training and patient care responsibilities. **Limit to two pages.** Inclusion of a table of monthly schedule is encouraged.
4. **Facilities Description** – The clinical environment should be described, including access to patients, consultants and technical (including computer) resources. **Limit to two pages.**
5. **Candidate's Statement** – Statement of applicant's career plans including the significance of this award to the applicant's career development. **Limit to one page.**
6. **ECFMG Sponsorship for J1 Visa** – If the applicant is the recipient of a student or trainee Visa to the U.S., the applicant must include a copy of their Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) Certificate as well as a statement of the number of years they have been on a J1 Visa.
7. **Letter of Mentor Support** – A letter should be provided from the candidate's mentor confirming his/her sponsorship of the applicant as well as a statement confirming the information below is accurate. **Limit to one page.**
8. **Letters of Departmental Support** – Letters should be provided from the director of the candidate's department, division and/or gastroenterology training program. The letters should describe the commitment of institutional resources, support and environment to the applicant and mentor. **Limit to one page each.**

Please check all that apply:

- The advanced/transplant hepatology fellowship must be sponsored by an ACGME accredited educational or training institution in the U.S.
- The liver transplant program at the institution is a UNOS-approved program that is in good standing, has at least one full-time faculty with expertise in transplant hepatology and performs a minimum of 10 liver transplantations per year. The program provides training in living donor transplantation.
- The faculty mentor is active in hepatology at the sponsoring institution.
- The faculty mentor is a member in good standing of AASLD. Member number: _____

The applicant:

- Will complete their third year of GI fellowship training in a U.S. accredited GI training program by July 1, 2011.
- Has been accepted to a U.S. GI training program starting between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013.
- The applicant will not act as faculty during the fellowship period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
- The applicant will not hold other, similar fellowship awards during the fellowship period (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012).

Is the applicant a US citizen?:

- Yes
- No

If no, is the applicant a permanent resident or possess a student or training visa?:

- Permanent resident of the U.S.
- Visa – Type and number: _____
Start Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____

How did you hear about this fellowship program?:

- AASLD's website
- AASLD Enews
- Word of mouth

Other _____