

Minority Fellowships Program

The American Psychiatric Association (APA) Minority Fellowships Program (MFP) is designed to 1) provide fellowship recipients with enriching training experiences through participation in the APA September and Annual Meetings, 2) provide recipients with resources to support activities that enhance culturally relevant aspects of their training program, 3) stimulate their interest in pursuing training in areas of psychiatry where minority groups are underrepresented, such as research, child psychiatry, and addiction psychiatry, and (4) develop leadership to improve the quality of mental health care for the following federally recognized ethnic minority groups: American Indians, Native Alaskans, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, Native Pacific Islanders, African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos.

The MFP is administered by the APA. There are three groups of MFP fellows: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) fellows, Substance Abuse fellows (both funded by SAMHSA), and the AstraZeneca fellows (funded by AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals). For more details go to:

http://www.psych.org/edu/other_res/apa_fellowship/cmhs_index.cfm

ELIGIBILITY

Psychiatry residents-in-training must be at least a PGY-2 in July and remain in training during the entire academic year. Applicants **must be APA members. SAMHSA and SAMHSA Substance Abuse applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents** at the time of application. Permanent residents must submit, by 7/1/09 a notarized statement indicating possession of the alien registration receipt card, I-151 or I-551.

AstraZenca applicants need not be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, or graduate of a U.S. medical school. SAMHSA Substance Abuse applicants must be in their PGY-5 of training in July 2009 and in a substance abuse training program approved by the affiliated medical school or agency where a significant number of substance abuse patients are from minority and underserved groups, may apply for the substance abuse segment. All applicants are welcome to apply regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or disability. **Federal employees are ineligible.**

Applicants must submit three letters of reference, curriculum vitae, and an essay outlining career goals, along with a completed application form.

SELECTION

Fellows are selected on the basis of their commitment to serve ethnic minority populations, their awareness of the importance of culture in mental health, their interest in the interrelationship between mental health/illness and transcultural factors, and their demonstrated leadership abilities. All applications will be reviewed by our Selection Advisory Committee. In May, applicants will be informed of the committee's decision.

SUPPORT

The APA/SAMHSA fellows (subject to the availability of funds) receive monthly stipends and serve for one year with an opportunity to apply for an additional year. The AstraZeneca fellows do not receive stipends and serve for two years. You must be in a psychiatry residency program for both years of the fellowship. Transportation, lodging, meals, and incidentals in connection with the trainee's attendance at program-related activities are reimbursed.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications and supporting material must be received by **January 31, 2009**

FOR AN APPLICATION FORM OR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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