

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

Summer Fellowship Application

Jeanne Spurlock Minority Medical Student Clinical Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Funded through the Center for Mental Health Services, the Jeanne Spurlock Minority Medical Student Clinical Fellowship award offers outstanding minority medical students early exposure to child and adolescent psychiatry. The award offers a \$3,500 stipend for 12 weeks of summer clinical fellowship with a child and adolescent psychiatrist/mentor and expenses to attend the 2008 AACAP Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.. (All awards are contingent upon the receipt of adequate funding support.)

Full Name: _____

Medical School: _____

Year: _____ Social Security #: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist/Mentor: _____

Mentor Address: _____

Mentor Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Project Title: _____

Start and End Dates: _____

Number of actual work days (MINIMUM of 8 weeks or 40 work days): _____

How many hours per week do you and your mentor intend to devote to this project? _____

Please indicate your agreement to attend the 2008 Annual Meeting, October 28 – November 2 in Chicago by initialing here: _____ **(This is a program requirement).**

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING (REQUIRED):

- 1) A two-page statement outlining the student's background, career goals and specific clinical interest in this fellowship.
- 2) The student's resume or curriculum vitae.
- 3) A letter verifying the student's good standing in medical school signed by a medical school official.
- 4) A letter of support from the mentor detailing the clinical experience, student's responsibilities, and length of mentorship.

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THE CLINICAL TRAINING EXPERIENCE

OVERVIEW

The AACAP Jeanne Spurlock Minority Medical Student Clinical Fellowship, supported by the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), offers a unique opportunity for up to 14 minority medical students to explore a career in child and adolescent psychiatry, gain valuable work experience, and meet leaders in the child and adolescent psychiatry field. The fellowship opportunity provides up to \$3,500 for 12 weeks of clinical training under a child and adolescent psychiatrist mentor. Participants are required to attend the 2008 AACAP Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, October 28 through November 2, 2008 to present their clinical training experiences in a new research poster session. (Complimentary registration and travel reimbursement for the Annual Meeting are included in addition to the fellowship stipend.)

TIME COMMITMENT

The expectation is that students will complete 12 consecutive weeks (60 workdays at 8 hours per day) of the fellowship during the summer following acceptance into the program. If an applicant is unable to complete 12 weeks, he or she may propose a slightly shorter fellowship experience in the application. If approved, the stipend will be pro-rated to reflect the reduction in time spent completing the fellowship. Fellowships proposed as less than eight weeks will NOT be considered. Applicants should note that the amount of time they propose to spend in their fellowship will be taken into account by the selection committee.

SELECTION OF MENTOR

There are two ways to select a fellowship mentor:

- When a student has an established link with a child and adolescent psychiatrist who is committed to work with the student throughout the summer, the student will submit an application with a detailed outline of the proposed clinical training proposal and a description of the student's involvement in the project.
- If a student is interested in applying for the fellowship but is not linked with a child and adolescent psychiatrist, the student should contact the AACAP Department of Research, Training, and Education before they submit an application for further instructions. The Program Director, in conjunction with the AACAP Department of Research, Training and Education, will work to match the student with a child and adolescent psychiatrist mentor of compatible clinical interests. Mentor selection must take place prior to the onset of the fellowship.

CLINICAL TRAINING

The clinical training experience must provide for significant contact between the student and the mentor. The fellowship plan should include program planning discussions, instruction in treatment planning and implementation, regular meetings with the mentor and other treatment providers, and assigned readings. Clinical assignments may include responsibility for part of the observation or evaluation, conducting interviews or tests, use of rating scales, and psychological or cognitive testing of patients. The training plan also should include discussion of ethical issues in treatment. Upon completion of the training program, the mentor should hold a closing interview with the student to discuss their work as well as future career plans. The student is required to submit a final paper summarizing the clinical training experience, a copy of the research poster, and a program evaluation. The mentor should assist in the preparation of the final paper, providing guidance on the format and content of typical clinical papers.

AACAP ANNUAL MEETING PARTICIPATION

All fellowship participants must attend the 2008 AACAP Annual Meeting. Participants will receive complimentary general meeting registration, tickets to one workshop and one institute, and travel reimbursement. Participants are

required to present their clinical experiences in a new research poster session and attend various educational, mentoring and networking sessions. Additionally, fellowship participants will be recognized at a Young Leaders Awards Ceremony.

STIPEND DISTRIBUTION

Fellowship stipends will be distributed in two installments. Upon receipt of the fellowship, \$2,500 will be sent to the student's mentor to be disbursed at the onset of the summer fellowship. Upon meeting all program requirements, the last installment will be sent directly to the recipient and will be pro-rated according to the total amount of time spent completing the fellowship. Fellowships lasting the full 12 weeks will receive the maximum amount.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Applications are accepted from United States citizens or permanent residents who are of African-American, Native American, Alaskan Native, Mexican American, Hispanic, Asian, or Pacific Islander decent and enrolled in an accredited U.S. medical school.
- Participants agree that their fellowship will run up to twelve weeks total (minimum of eight weeks with the stipend pro-rated for less than twelve weeks). The expectation is that the student will work 8 hours per day for the duration of the fellowship.
- Participants agree to submit an abstract outlining their new research poster presentations for publication in the AACAP Book of Scientific Proceedings by June 15, 2008.
- Participants agree to submit all required reporting documentation prior to the AACAP Annual Meeting, including a brief final report, a copy of the New Research Poster, and an evaluation of the program completed by the participant and mentor.
- Applicants agree to attend and present their research at the AACAP 2008 Annual Meeting, October 28 through November 2, in Chicago, IL.
- Applicants agree to apply for AACAP membership for the duration of the fellowship program (membership is free for medical students).
- Participants agree to participate in all annual surveys as part of the program evaluation process.

*The AACAP reserves the right to cancel the fellowship if terms and conditions are not met.
I have read and agreed to the Clinical Training Experience and Program Requirements.*

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Mentor signature: _____ Date: _____

DUE DATE: March 3, 2008

All completed applications and attachments must be submitted by March 3, 2008!

Electronic copies will be accepted. Electronic copies should be sent to research@aacap.org.

If you need to mail any additional attachments, please submit them to the following address. Please note all application requirements (application and attachments) must be submitted/postmarked by March 3, 2008.

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AACAP Jeanne Spurlock Clinical Fellowship
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