

AACAP OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

ANNUAL MEETING AWARD

- **AACAP Mentorship Grants for Medical Students**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 2, 2026

- The program provides reimbursable travel funds of up to \$1,200 for medical students to attend AACAP's Annual Meeting. Awardees participate in networking opportunities, receive exposure to varying specialties, and interact with Life Members, the most distinguished and most senior members of the AACAP community.
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PSYCHOTHERAPY GRANT

- **AACAP AACAP Leatherman-Drell-Ritvo Fund Grant**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: TBA

- Offers one award of up to \$4,000 or two awards of up to \$2,000 to support AACAP Committee or member-led projects that advance psychodynamic understanding and psychodynamically informed therapies in child and adolescent psychiatry. Projects may focus on the development of educational or training resources, or support research initiatives.
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SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 2, 2026

The fellowships are designed to provide 12 weeks of structured learning and mentored experience under an experienced child and adolescent psychiatrist mentor.

- **AACAP Jeanne Spurlock, MD, Research Fellowship in Substance Use Disorders**
 - Provides up to \$4,000 for 12 weeks of research training with a focused emphasis on substance use disorders in relation to child and adolescent psychiatry.
- **AACAP Summer Medical Student Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**
 - Provides up to \$3,500 for 12 weeks of clinical and/or research training centered on a child and adolescent psychiatry-focused topic.

FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

- A stipend to cover twelve weeks of focused training on techniques and scientific methods under a mentor.
- Opportunity for the recipient to participate in AACAP's 2026 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 26-31, and:
 - Present a new scientific research poster.
 - Receive complimentary meeting registration, roundtrip travel, and four nights of lodging, along with reimbursement for up to two ticketed didactic programs, in-transit travel, and meals (up to a \$92 per diem).
 - Engage with leaders in the specialty.
 - Participate in mentorship activities, including an institute and a workshop.

NOTE: AACAP offers assistance connecting medical students with a mentor of compatible clinical/research interests and provides a [Guide to Finding a Mentor](#). Previous recipients of the award are not eligible, and preference is given to individuals that have not received an AACAP award at their respective career level. The applicant cannot receive multiple awards from AACAP in one year.