JOHN E. SCHOWALTER, MD
RESIDENT MEMBER OF COUNCIL

Applications for the John E. Schowalter, MD, Resident Member of Council are being accepted by the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)!

What is the purpose of this role?
The primary purpose of the John E. Schowalter, MD, Resident Member of Council is to work in partnership with the Jerry M. Wiener, MD, Resident Member of Council to interact with and involve as many general and child and adolescent psychiatry residents and medical students as possible in AACAP.

Who is eligible to apply?
First year child and adolescent psychiatry residents, fourth year triple boarders, and second year post pediatric portal trainees are all eligible to apply. Please note, you must also be a current member of AACAP.

How long is the John E. Schowalter, MD, Resident Member’s term on Council?
The term is for two years. Your term will begin immediately following the 2020 October Annual Meeting and extend through the 2022 October Annual Meeting.

What are the responsibilities of the John E. Schowalter, MD, Resident Member?
The John E. Schowalter, MD, Resident Member is responsible for attending a three-day Council Retreat in June and two-three Council meetings during the AACAP Annual Meeting in October to represent the concerns of residents.

Additional responsibilities include serving as a member (first year) and co-chair (second year) of the Medical Students and Residents (MSR) Committee as well as writing four brief articles and soliciting two articles for AACAP News. As a member of the MSR Committee, the resident will be expected to do the following:

- Attend the MSR conference calls on a regular basis;
- Attend the MSR Committee meeting at the AACAP Annual Meeting;
- Co-lead the conference calls and share responsibilities with the current MSR co-chair during his/her second year serving as co-chair; and
- Participate in and contribute to Annual Meeting events as well as other committee tasks, such as serving on a selection subcommittee for selecting medical student and general psychiatry resident awards.

Does the John E. Schowalter, MD, Resident Member receive funding for travel?
AACAP will cover travel costs for the June Council meetings. Council Residents are encouraged to apply for travel funding from the Educational Outreach Program for the October Annual Meetings. Priority is given to Council Residents regardless of their program completion date as AACAP classifies trainees with Resident status through the end of the calendar year the child and adolescent program is completed. Residents are expected to ask their Regional Organization or Training Program to match the EOP funding. To learn more about the Educational Outreach Program, please visit AACAP’s website.
The first meeting the resident will be required to attend is the 2020 October Council meeting. This meeting will serve as an orientation at which the current Jerry M. Wiener, MD, Resident will prepare the selected resident for his/her term. The resident’s institution should pay for travel expenses.

How do I apply for this position?
Please send your application to Megan Levy, Executive Office Manager, at mlevy@aacap.org. Applications need to include the following:

1. The candidate’s curriculum vitae (CV)
2. A statement of two pages or less from the candidate on why they want to serve as the John E. Schowalter, MD, Resident Member and ideas for their role as resident member of Council.
3. A letter of recommendation from the resident’s Program Director supporting the application.

What is the deadline to apply?
The deadline for receipt of all applications is **August 1, 2020**, and the final selection will be made by **August 15, 2020**.

Amanda Downey, MD, the current John E. Schowalter, MD, Resident, and Cordelia Ross, MD, the current Jerry M. Wiener, MD Resident, are available to answer questions. They can be reached via email at downeyae2@upmc.edu or cordelia.ross@mgh.harvard.edu.