



The Arnold P. Gold Foundation
Student Summer Fellowships
Application deadline March 1, 2012

The Gold Foundation is accepting applications for the Student Summer Fellowship program. The grant award includes a \$3,000 stipend for a 10-week period (schools are encouraged to supplement this amount by up to \$600). Projects that do not meet the 10-week requirement will be prorated accordingly.

Medical students may apply for either the [Research Fellowship](#) or the [Service Fellowship](#) program.

Student Summer Research Fellowship

The Student Summer Research Fellowship grants are awarded for research into community health and cultural competency issues to provide an opportunity for students to work directly with patients and to become more compassionate, relationship-centered physicians. Sample titles from previous research fellowships: "Prevalence of Depression in Adolescent Emergency Department," "Identifying the Barriers to Pediatric Vaccinations Faced by a Recently Established Hispanic Population," "Assessing the Service and Educational Impact of Medical Student-Run Health Clinics."

The student is expected to conduct the research under the oversight and supervision of a mentor. A final report is due at the conclusion of the 10 weeks. The first half of the grant funds are sent upon Foundation acceptance of the student's proposal and receipt of a signed grant agreement from the school. The balance is sent upon receipt of the student's final report.

Application Procedures:

Students must submit a 2-3 page proposal outlining the research project, including:

- abstract
- hypothesis
- objectives and significance
- background and literature review with appropriate citations (citations can be provided in appendix following the 2-3 page proposal)
- research design and methodology (if IRB approval/exemption is necessary, please provide application status)
- expected level of direct patient interaction during course of the fellowship
- possibility for research to continue after student fellowship
- discussion of how this fellowship might contribute to the applicant's understanding of the practice of humanistic medicine as well as the patient experience with illness, their health and the healthcare system.

A [Cover Sheet](#), [Mentor Form](#) and supporting letter from the Student Affairs or Medical Education Dean must accompany all applications. The letter from the Dean of Student Affairs or Medical Education must state that: 1) the student is presently in good academic standing, 2) the school approves of the mentor and the location of the project, and, 3) the school is willing to accept and administer the grant.

If project is taking place off-site or overseas, the [On-site Project Supervisor Form](#) must be submitted. Electronic submissions are preferred. Please email application materials to ian@gold-foundation.org.

During the course of the fellowship, any major changes in the project or a change in mentor must be pre-approved by the Foundation.

Reporting Procedures: A final paper describing the project is required within 6 weeks of the conclusion of the fellowship. The final paper should include:

- a restatement of the original hypothesis and objectives of the project
- a description of the investigation and activities undertaken
- qualitative and/or quantitative data and its significance
- conclusions
- evaluation of project (include tools, methods used, work to date if part of a larger project)
- comment on possibility for continuation of this research
- discussion of how this fellowship has contributed to the student's understanding of the practice of humanistic medicine as well as the patient experience with illness, their health and the healthcare system.
- a statement on opportunity for student to present work to faculty and peers, and possibility for publication.
- mentor's approval of final paper submitted on Mentor Final Approval Form

Some well-conceived projects may fail or yield ambiguous results when unexpected problems are encountered. In all cases, students should write a clear and candid appraisal of the project and interpretations of the collected data.

Student Summer Service Fellowships

The Student Summer Service Fellowship is intended to provide students an opportunity to design and implement a service project addressing a public health need in an underserved community or population. The Foundation's goal is to provide an opportunity for students to work directly with patients and to become more compassionate, relationship-centered physicians.

Sample projects include providing breast screenings at homeless shelters, creating an educational video for elderly patients on safety issues, and carrying out AIDS/HIV education among recent Chinese immigrants.

The student is expected to conduct the service project under the oversight and supervision of a mentor. A final report is due at the conclusion of the 10 weeks. The first half of the grant funds are sent upon Foundation acceptance of the student's proposal and receipt of a signed grant agreement from the school. The balance is sent upon receipt of the student's final report.

Application Procedures: Students must submit a 2-3 page proposal outlining the project, including:

- a statement of need identifying and providing background on the public health issue and population being addressed
- background and literature review with appropriate citations (citations can be provided in appendix following the 2-3 page proposal)
- a detailed implementation plan to address these needs (if IRB approval/exemption is necessary, please provide application status)
- an evaluation component to assess impact of student's intervention
- expected level of direct patient interaction during course of the fellowship
- comment on possibility for project to continue after the summer fellowship
- a statement on opportunity for student to present work to faculty and peers, and possibility for publication.
- discussion of how this fellowship might contribute to the applicant's understanding of the practice of humanistic medicine as well as the patient experience with illness, their health and the healthcare system.

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If project is taking place off-site or overseas, the [On-site Project Supervisor Form](#) must be submitted. Electronic submissions are preferred. Please email application materials to ian@gold-foundation.org.

During the course of the fellowship, any major changes in the project or a change in mentor must be pre-approved by the Foundation.

Reporting Procedures: A final paper describing the project is required within six weeks of the conclusion of the fellowship. The final paper should include:

- restatement of the original goals and planned intervention
- description of activities undertaken, including information on number of participants
- discussion of the project's final results and its impact on the target issue/population, including whether or not the original goals were met
- evaluation results (include tools, methods used)
- discussion of how this fellowship has contributed to the students understanding of the practice of humanistic medicine as well as the patients experience with illness, their health and the healthcare system.
- mentor's approval of final paper submitted on Mentor Final Approval Form

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Student Summer Fellowship Application

Cover Sheet

Student Name: _____

Year (circle one): MSI MSII MSIII MSIV Other: _____

School: _____

Currently, only applications from students at U.S. schools of medicine and osteopathy are being accepted.

Title of Project: _____

Type of Project: (circle one of each group) Research or Service Domestic or International

Name and Title of Mentor: _____

Name and Title of Supervisor (if project takes place off-site): _____

Contact Information

Student

Mentor

Dean/Student Affairs

Tel: _____

Tel: _____

Tel: _____

Cell: _____

Cell: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address:

Mailing Address:

Mailing Address:

Mentor Form for Application

Mentor Name: _____

Title: _____

School: _____

I agree to mentor and supervise the work of _____ (student's name) during the course of his/her Gold Foundation Student Summer Fellowship to take place from _____ - _____ (dates of fellowship). I have read the student's proposal and approve the scope of work to be undertaken.

I will review the final report at the conclusion of the project and provide the Gold Foundation with an evaluation on the Mentor Final Approval Form, including assessment of:

- student's performance during the course of the fellowship (covering such issues as the student's understanding of key issues related to subject matter, dedication to project goals, and interaction with patients);
- project's impact and possibility for further study/work, and;
- opportunity for presentation of work to faculty and peers

During the course of the fellowship, any major changes in the project or a change in mentor must be pre-approved by the Foundation.

Mentor signature

date

Please comment on your role and involvement in the project, the nature of your supervision, and how often you intend to meet with the student.

Does the project have other grant support? If so, please comment.

If IRB approval is necessary, has an application been filed, if so, please give status

On-site Supervisor Form for Application

(only for projects taking place off-site or overseas)

Supervisors Name: _____

Title: _____

School: _____

I agree to supervise the work of _____ (student's name) as described in his/her proposal, during the course of his/her Gold Foundation Student Summer Fellowship to take place from _____ - _____ (dates of fellowship).

At the conclusion of the student's work, I will provide a letter to his/her faculty mentor describing the student's performance during the course of the fellowship (covering such issues as the student's understanding of key issues related to subject matter, dedication to project goals, and interaction with patients).

Supervisor's signature date

Mentor Final Approval Form
(for final report upon completion of summer project)

Mentor Name: _____

Title: _____

School: _____

Student's Name: _____

Overall assessment of student's work during the Summer Fellowship

Circle one: Excellent Satisfactory Unsatisfactory

Comment on student's performance during the course of the fellowship, including but not limited to the student's understanding of key issues related to subject matter, dedication to project goals, and interaction with patients:

Comment on project's impact and possibility for further study/work:

How will results/outcomes be disseminated? Please comment on opportunity for student to present work to faculty and peers, and possibility for publication.