Fellowship Program for Women in Dermatologic Research
Program Description & Application Process

Purpose:
1. To enhance the participation of women dermatologists in clinical and laboratory-based research.
2. To highlight women’s accomplishments and prepare them for leadership roles in the global dermatologic research community.

Description:
In 2017, with co-sponsorship of the Journal of Investigative Dermatology (JID) and the Women’s Dermatologic Society (WDS), two (2) one year fellowships will be awarded to fully trained female dermatologists who aspire to research careers, one in the U.S. and one in Europe or the U.K. Each $5,000 fellowship will support travel, lodging, registration, and poster presentations(s) at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID) and the European Society for Dermatologic Research (ESDR), as well as other research meetings in their areas of interest, funds permitting. Fellows will be charged with informing themselves about scientific advances, particularly those presented by fully trained female investigators, and with sharing their learning with others online via the JID Connector and the International Journal of Women’s Dermatology (IJWD). Fellows will be introduced to the SID, ESDR, and WDS leadership and to research interest-appropriate mentors at each meeting and with their assistance will be expected to serve as a source of introductions and advice to other early career women.

Eligibility Criteria:
1. Board-certified (for U.S. Fellows) or equivalent (for European Fellows) dermatologist.
2. Planning or recently embarked on a career with a substantial commitment to research.
3. Able and willing to attend (with financial support) the Annual Meetings of the SID and ESDR during the Fellowship and to commit up to 5% effort to the Fellowship overall.

Responsibilities:
Fellows will be expected to provide brief summaries of key research presentations from scientific sessions and invited lectures, particularly those given by women researchers, to the JID Editorial Office soon after each meeting so that the information can be posted on the JID Connector or published in the online IJWD (ijwdonline.org), the official journal of the WDS. At least once per year, Fellows must also submit to the IJWD an article of at least 1000 words relevant to women in dermatologic research. It may be a literature
review, opinion or perspective piece, personal experience or results of her own study or
survey results. Fellows are also expected to respond to inquiries from women
dermatologists, residents and fellows seeking information about funding sources, possible
mentors or collaborators, etc. Fellows may seek needed information for this task from the
Director (JID Editor) or other senior individuals identified by the JID Office as resources
for the Fellowship.

Fellows will also be expected to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of
Dermatology (if U.S.-based) or European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (if
Europe-based) and to report their experiences to the JID, SID, ESDR, and WDS Boards
of Directors.

Use of funds:

The $5,000 stipend is intended to support travel, lodging, and meeting registration for the
SID and ESDR Annual Meetings as well as for preparation of presentations for these
meetings. No reimbursements will be made for meals. U.S.-based Fellows will be
reported to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website as having
received money from Lilly U.S.A. Should Europe institute a similar requirement for
physicians receiving pharmaceutical company funds, the European Fellow’s support will
also be reported.

Application Process:

The Candidate should submit a CV and two (2) letters of recommendation from previous
or current supervisors. She should also describe in 200-500 words (1) her envisioned
career path, particularly the research component; (2) her understanding of the present
status and likely future trajectory of women in academic medicine and/or research; and
(3) concrete steps that might be taken by individuals and organizations to promote gender
equality in clinical and laboratory-based medical research careers. These materials will
be evaluated by a committee of senior members of the research community committed to
the goals of the Fellowship.

All materials should be addressed to JIDEEditor@sidnet.org and received by November 15,
2016, for a one year once-renewable term beginning January 1, 2017. Successful
candidates will be informed by email and announced on the JID, SID, ESDR, and WDS
websites.

Candidates are invited to request a confidential conversation with the Fellowship Director
at any time prior to the November 15, 2016 deadline to obtain additional insights into the
character and goals of this initiative. Suggested dates and times for a telephone
appointment should be sent to JIDEEditor@sidnet.org.

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