

## **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.
4. Desirous of reducing gender disparities in medical research careers.

### **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](http://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 [JIDEditor@sidnet.org](mailto:JIDEditor@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 [JIDEditor@sidnet.org](mailto:JIDEditor@sidnet.org).

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