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The Sunstar/AAPD Research Fellowships 2018 – 2019 Call for Applications

Due Date: January 17, 2018

The Sunstar/AAPD Research Fellowships were established for the purpose of promoting and supporting innovative research by residents in pediatric dentistry and are made possible through the generous support of Sunstar Americas, Inc.

Two awards are available.

- The *Sunstar Shines Award* will be made to a resident identifying links between oral health and patients with diabetes and other systemic health issues.
- The *Sunstar Clinical Research Award* will have a clinical focus that is relevant in current pediatric dental practices.

Members of the AAPD Council on Scientific Affairs selects the recipients on a competitive basis from eligible submissions. Each award will be made by July 5, 2018, and will provide up to \$10,000 of funding. Recipients are required to present their research results at the AAPD 2019, May 23 – 26, 2019 in Chicago, IL.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be a student member of AAPD and currently enrolled in an advanced education program in pediatric dentistry.

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply for the Sunstar Research Fellowship early in their training. Once the award commences on July 5, 2018, at least one year must remain to complete the fellowship.

Individuals with graduate student research projects currently in progress are eligible to apply for this program, if all criteria are satisfied.

Sunstar Research Fellows who choose to participate in the Graduate Student Research Award (GSRA) competition are encouraged to present their research in the same year for both programs and are eligible for the Ralph E. McDonald Award. However, Sunstar Research Fellows who are selected as GSRA finalists are ineligible to receive the GSRA travel reimbursement to attend the Annual Session to present their research or the Ralph E. McDonald Award cash prize.

SUBMISSION

- The application must be emailed to Scott Dalhouse at sdalhouse@aapd.org by 11:59pm, Central Standard Time on January 17, 2018. The application must be in one file including all components listed below (including cover letter, signed statement, research proposal, and budget), and not multiple documents.**

Application email must include a cover letter with the following information:

- Title of project.
 - Name, mailing address, telephone, facsimile and e-mail for:
 - Applicant
 - Program Director
 - Principal Advisor for this research project
 - Applicant's institution, year in Post-graduate program and expected date of graduation.
 - A statement signed by both the applicant and the program director and principal advisor that they understand the requirements of the program and will comply with these requirements, if selected.
- The research proposal must include the following:
 - Hypothesis
 - Specific goals
 - Background and significance
 - Preliminary data, if any
 - Methods and materials
 - Budget detailing the expected costs to conduct the study including: stipend, travel, equipment/supplies and institutional support (see budget details below).
 - Supporting bibliography.
- The research proposal must be presented in the following form:
 - A maximum of six (6) pages (not including the bibliography).
 - Typed single-spaced with twelve-point font.
 - Any figures or tables must be included within the six (6) pages.
 - Bibliography must be single-spaced and follow the format of *Pediatric Dentistry* (the journal of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry) with the full title of all articles provided.
- A detailed budget must be submitted with the proposal with justification as to how the award will be spent. Up to \$10,000 will be awarded as follows:
 - Up to \$1,000 for air travel to Annual Session and hotel accommodations to present research results.
 - \$1,000 to the Sunstar Research Fellow's advanced education program in pediatric dentistry.
 - Up to \$5,500 for supplies and expenses related to the research project and student stipend. Stipends may be less than \$1,500, but may not exceed \$1,500. Stipends will be disbursed in installments.

5. Incomplete email applications not strictly adhering to the above criteria will be rejected without review.
6. **Proposals must be received via email to Scott Dalhouse at sdalhouse@aapd.org by 11:59pm, Central Standard Time on January 17, 2018.**
7. Recipients of this fellowship must submit an abstract of the completed research by **January 16, 2019**. Fellows will be required to present a ten-minute summary of their research at the AAPD 2018. Fellows also must submit a manuscript suitable for publication in a refereed journal by **June 1, 2019**. This manuscript may be independently submitted **by the author for consideration** to be published in *Pediatric Dentistry*, (the official publication for the AAPD), however, publication is not guaranteed.

CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used to judge the applications:

1. The proposed research project is applicable to pediatric dentistry.
2. The proposal is well organized and readable.
3. The proposal contains the required sections: hypothesis, specific goals, background and significance, preliminary data, if any, methods and materials, budget with details and supporting bibliography.
4. The research problem is well defined and its importance is clear.
5. The proposed research project has feasibility of success.

Announcement of selected applicants will be made prior to the AAPD 2018 in Honolulu, Hawaii. If you have any questions about the Sunstar Research Fellowship, please contact Scott Dalhouse at (312) 337-2169 or sdalhouse@aapd.org.

Applications must be sent electronically:

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