NASTH 2017 Research Fellowship

The NASTH Fellowship is an 8-10 week program aimed at introducing students to the field of hemostasis and thrombosis by supporting the students’ work on targeted research projects. The experience includes collaboration with a research mentor, and preparation and presentation at the bi-annual THSNA Summit.

The research focus may be lab-based, clinical or epidemiology research. Applicants are required to develop a research proposal, in consultation with their mentor, that can be completed within the 8 – 10 week fellowship period. Prior research experience is not required but is considered favorably, along with demonstrated academic achievement, service and leadership.

Eligibility

• First, second or third year medical students, PhD students, or MD/PhD students
• Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada at the time of application.
• Students may apply for a second fellowship after successful completion of one.

Benefits

Fellows will receive:

• $5,000 fellowship stipend
  o $2,000 of which is payable at the start of the program, $2,000 in the middle of the program, and $1,000 upon completion of the final report.
• $2,000 travel allowance for attending and presenting at an NASTH/THSNA meeting
• Guidance from a researcher and career-development mentor

Hosting lab will receive:

• $1,000 stipend for ancillary expenses, to be paid at the beginning of the program

Obligations

• Fellows are required to provide a short (1,000 – 1,500 word) written report at the end of the research period.
• Students will be expected to present the results of their research at an NASTH/THSNA meeting.

Timeline

2016
December 1 Applications open
2017
January 15  Deadline for Mentor Request Form
March 30  Application deadline
April 15  Award winners notified

Note:  Fellowships must be completed by March 1, 2018.

Application Process

Identify and Connect with a Mentor
All applications require collaboration with a research mentor who is a member of NASTH. You may choose a mentor at your own medical school or in another location in the U.S. or Canada.

If you are interested in applying for the NASTH Research Fellowship but do not have a research mentor, you may request to be matched to a mentor by completing the Mentor Request Form.

Develop a Research Proposal
This requires that you meet in person or via phone with your mentor and identify a specific, hypothesis-based research project. You must develop a strong understanding of the project and describe it in your own words in the application.

Application
  • Complete the Application Form
  • Attach:
    o One-page CV
    o Letter of endorsement from your research mentor (the research mentor must be a member of NASTH)

Evaluation
Applications will be evaluated based on:
  • The academic potential of the research project
  • Clarity and feasibility of the research proposal
  • Applicant’s experience and track record (research, academic achievement, service)
  • Applicant’s interest in hematology/thrombosis

Mentors

Prospective mentors must be members of NASTH (membership is free of charge). Research mentors/hosting lab receives a $1,000 stipend at the beginning of the research period.

Specific responsibilities include:
  • Assist the applicant with the development of a research project plan (Note: the description of the research plan submitted with the application must be in the applicant’s own words.)
• Upon award, help the applicant prepare for their fellowship period, including suggested readings or other training.
• Oversee the research project, including regular review of milestones and provision of feedback/guidance.
• Provide an evaluation at the end of the project.
• Assist the fellow with preparation for their presentation.
• Provide career guidance and support to encourage a career in hematology/thrombosis.

Resources
• FAQ
• Questions may be addressed to: info@NASTH.org or 617-778-1585.