

FAER Medical Student Anesthesia Research Fellowship 2021 Student Frequently Asked Questions

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS QUESTIONS

Who is eligible to apply for the FAER Medical Student Anesthesia Research Fellowship (MSARF) Summer program?

At the time of the application, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Medical student enrolled in the first, second, or third year of medical school, and will remain enrolled in an MD or DO program throughout the summer research fellowship.
- Medical student enrolled full-time at a U.S.-based medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). To view a list of accredited medical education programs, click [here](#).
- OR-
- Medical student with U.S. citizenship enrolled full-time at a Canadian-based medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). To view a list of accredited medical education programs, click [here](#).
- OR-
- Medical student enrolled full-time at a U.S.-based college of osteopathic medicine accredited by the [Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation](#). To view a list of accredited medical education programs, click [here](#).

What are the application dates for the 2020 MSARF Summer Program?

December 1, 2020 – Student application site opens

January 31, 2021 – Student application site closes at 11:59 p.m CST

March 4, 2021 – Students and programs will be notified of the program match results.

May my letters of recommendation come in after the deadline?

No. Every required component of the application – including the letters of recommendation – must be received by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be accepted for consideration.

What is the selection process for the MSARF Summer Program?

Applications are reviewed by members of the FAER Board of Directors and the FAER Academy of Research Mentors in Anesthesiology. We typically receive more than 170 applications and match about 60 students into the program. Applicants are evaluated based on academic achievement, undergraduate and medical school activities, including volunteer work, leadership, and extracurricular participation, research experience, publications and presentations, interest in anesthesiology, and letters of recommendation.

What is the match process for the MSARF Summer Program?

During the application process, students are asked to list their top five desired institution placement options. Many institutions take only one student; some will accept a second. After the applications are scored and ranked, placement preference is given to the highest ranking applicant. Students are matched in order of rank to the first available institution on their application. Match consideration will be made based on the site's remaining availability relative to the student's ranking of preferred sites.

If I match into the MSARF Summer Program, how will I know what mentor and project I will be assigned?

When you receive your acceptance confirmation, FAER will provide you with the name and contact information for the coordinator at your host site. You will work with that person to determine the best project to fit your skills and interests.

What if I get accepted to a second summer research program, such as the NIH T35 grant at my home institution?

Students may not participate in a second summer research program in addition to the MSARF program. If you are accepted into two programs, you will have to decide which one to accept. Students accepted into a T35 program whose mentor is an anesthesiologist are eligible for travel funding to the FAER/eSAS: A Day for New Researchers at the American Society of Anesthesiologists annual meeting in October (see below for details).

PROGRAM/FELLOWSHIP QUESTIONS**When does the fellowship begin?**

On your application, you must submit dates for a period of eight *consecutive* weeks during which you are available for the fellowship. The earliest start date you may select is April 1; you must complete your fellowship no later than September 30.

May I change my fellowship dates?

FAER strongly recommends that you adhere to the dates that you provided on your application. However, if you need a change, you may coordinate it with the FAER office and the host department. The new dates must reflect the eight consecutive week requirement of the MSARF Summer Program.

May I extend my research time at my host site?

You may extend your time at your host site. However, you must coordinate this with and have it approved by the host site. FAER is not able to provide further funding of your research experience at your host site.

How is my stipend paid?

You will receive a total stipend of \$3,200 for your summer fellowship. It will be paid to you from your host site. How the stipend is disbursed depends on the host site's payroll schedule. Your site coordinator can provide you with this information.

If I opt-in and am chosen for the Sponsor a Medical Student Program, what is expected of me?

Generous donors have created the Sponsor a Medical Student program. Donors sponsor a MSARF slot and will be notified of the student assigned to the slot. If chosen to be sponsored, students must agree to sending the donor a note of thanks as well as one communication with the donor facilitated by FAER.

The ideal option is during the poster presentations at ANESTHESIOLOGY 2020® to learn more about your research, but email or phone will also be accepted.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS AND ASA ANNUAL MEETING QUESTIONS

When and where do FAER MSARF students have the opportunity to present their work?

Local: Students are typically given an opportunity to present their work in the host department during the summer. Host department coordinators and mentors will provide specific information.

National: Students are expected to present a poster at the FAER/eSAS: A Day for New Researchers poster presentations at the American Society of Anesthesiologists annual meeting. The 2021 ASA Annual Meeting will be held in San Diego, CA, on October 9-13. MSARF students are required to attend the full day of sessions. The room location will be announced in the fall. FAER provides a \$1000 stipend for travel to the meeting, which is administered by the host department.

How do I register for the ASA annual meeting?

You must be a member of the ASA Medical Student Component to register for the meeting. FAER will facilitate the submission of your membership application, and pay your dues for one year. FAER cannot register you for the annual meeting. You must visit the ASA annual meeting webpage and register via the registration link. FAER will send you the link when registration becomes available next summer.

How do I register for the MSARF Poster Presentations?

You register to present your poster by submitting your abstract to FAER. All abstracts are accepted, so you should not wait for a notification from FAER to make your travel plans or register for the meeting. Please note that you must also register for the ASA annual meeting in order to attend the MSARF poster presentations.

Is the poster presentation a requirement of the MSARF Summer Program?

No, it is not a requirement. FAER highly recommends you participate as it provides you the opportunity to experience the ASA annual meeting, present your research at the national level, and network with leaders in the field of anesthesia from around the country and the world.

What are the requirements for my abstract and poster?

Abstract and poster requirements will be distributed by FAER and available in the website portal (faer.org) during the summer.

What is the deadline for submitting my abstract to FAER for the MSARF Symposium?

September 10, 2021.

When do I find out if my abstract/poster was accepted?

All abstracts are accepted. By submitting an abstract, you are letting FAER know that you would like to participate in the FAER Poster Presentation which is held in San Diego, CA in October 2021.

Are there sessions at the ASA annual meeting other than the MSARF Poster Presentation that I should attend?

There are many sessions that are tailored for medical students. Visit the ASA Medical Student Component webpage for a detailed list.

Where can I find information on travel, lodging, food, etc. at the ASA annual meeting?

Information on travel, lodging, food, etc. at the ASA annual meeting can be found on the ASA annual meeting website: <https://www.asahq.org/annualmeeting>.

How am I reimbursed for my travel to the ASA annual meeting?

You will be reimbursed via your host department. Before traveling to the meeting, work with your host site to understand their reimbursement policies. This will help ensure a smooth reimbursement process.