ANESTHESIOLOGY POLICY RESEARCH ROTATION IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS
ASA Office of Governmental and Legal Affairs
Washington, DC

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the Anesthesiology Policy Research Rotation in Political Affairs?

The Anesthesiology Policy Research Rotation in Political Affairs is a four-week rotation in the ASA Office of Governmental and Legal Affairs located in Washington, D.C. The program is designed to allow resident physicians to experience the political, legislative and regulatory factors that affect the delivery of patient care.

Who can apply for the Rotation?

Residents in their CA-2 and CA-3 years are eligible to apply for the rotation. CA-3 residents applying for the rotation in the last three months of their residency program will be required to obtain ABA approval to participate.

How long is the Rotation?

The length of the rotation is four weeks.

I'm not from Washington, D.C., where will I stay?

Residents are responsible for securing their own living arrangements using the stipend provided and can work with the ASA Washington Office to access different sources of living options.

When can I complete the Rotation?

All rotations are held when Congress is **actively** in session – typically September and February through June.

What are you looking for in an applicant?

An ideal applicant will have involvement in state component society and/or ASA Resident Component, ASAPAC, ASA Grassroots Network, and have demonstrated interest in ASA legislative and regulatory priorities. The ideal applicant exhibits effective verbal and written communication and analytical skills, highly-developed interpersonal skills, an affinity for networking, demonstrated leadership skills and the ability to work in a team setting.

When do I apply?

Applications will be accepted February 15 – May 15, 2013, for the 2013-2014 academic year (Sept 2013 – June 2014).

Why should I apply?

Residents who participate in the program gain further appreciation for the enormous impact that policymaking and governmental actions have on all facets of medicine, especially on the practice of anesthesiology. Understanding health care policy issues will directly affect and improve how residents care for patients each day in hospitals and other clinical settings, which is essential to the way anesthesiologists practice their specialty.

How do I apply?

Applicants should submit a completed application package consisting of:

- The application coversheet,
- A cover letter
- CV/Resume
- and a letter of approval from your section chair or department head that you are allowed to participate in the program.

Upon completing the package please send to:

Pat Daly
Grassroots Program Administrator
American Society of Anesthesiologists
1501 M. Street NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20005

Where do I get more information?

To find out more Information about this rotation please contact Pat Daly, ASA Grassroots Program Administrator, at p.daly@asawash.org or (202) 289-2222.

Is this rotation approved by the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA)?

The rotation has been approved by the American Board of Anesthesiologists (ABA) to count toward residency credit. A copy of the ABA approval letter can be viewed here. https://www.asahq.org/For-Members/Advocacy/Federal-Legislative-and-Regulatory-Activities/Anesthesiology-Policy-Research-Rotation-in-Political-Affairs.aspx

Who participates in this program?

Past participants in the program include:

- **University of Iowa (IA); Courtney Hancock, M.D., Anesthesiology**
- **University of Miami (FL); Maria Forrest, M.D., Anesthesiology**
- **Virginia Commonwealth University (VA); Zach Chambers, M.D., Anesthesiology**
- **Wake Forest University (NC); David Matthew Hatch, M.D., M.B.A., Anesthesiology**
- **University of Pittsburgh (PA); Mark Lischner, D.O., Anesthesiology**
- **University of Texas – San Antonio (TX); Daniel Jones, M.D., Anesthesiology**
- **University of Rochester (NY); Melissa Kreso, M.D., Anesthesiology**
- **Harvard University (MA); Manoj Dalmia, M.D., Anesthesiology**

What can I expect from this rotation?

Residents will participate in day-to-day activities in the ASA Office of Governmental and Legal Affairs, attend lobby events sponsored by ASA, create specific research projects, and explore and report on new law and policy changes affecting the profession of anesthesiology.

What if my application is not accepted?

Your application may be placed on our waiting list in the event that an accepted participant is not able to participate.

What is the deadline to apply for the rotation?

All applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2013. Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.

Do I need approval from my program director?

Yes, a recommendation letter is required from your program director or department chair in order to be accepted to the program.