Medical Student Anesthesia Research Fellowship - Summer Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Who is eligible to apply for the MSARF Summer program?
At the time of the application, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. 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.

2a. 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.

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2b. 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.

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2c. Medical student enrolled full-time at a U.S.-based college of osteopathic medicine accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College. To view a list of accredited medical education programs, click here.

What are the application dates for the 2016 MSARF Summer Program?
November 15, 2015 – Student application site opens
January 15, 2016 – Student application site closes at 11:59 p.m.
February 15, 2016 – Awards are announced

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.

From whom should my letters of recommendation come?
The MSARF application requires two letters of recommendation that evaluate the applicant’s quality of character, academic performance, and interest in a career in research. A PDF of each letter of recommendation should be provided to the applicant for uploading with the application. At least one of these letters should be from the student’s recent graduate or undergraduate institution. The other may come from an individual of your choosing.

A PDF of the letter of good standing is also required with the application. The letter of good standing from the dean’s office should confirm the applicant’s enrollment and good standing for the duration of the fellowship.

NOTE: Should the dean of your school write a letter of recommendation for you, it must be separate from (in addition to) the letter of good standing that comes from the dean’s office.

What is the selection and 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; a handful 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, will I be assigned to the project of my choosing?**
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.

For more information on the MSARF Summer Program application process, visit the FAER Medical Student Programs webpage.

**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, and 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.

**How might I get in contact with other FAER MSARF students?**
With each student’s permission, FAER will create a directory of names and email addresses to distribute among the MSARF students. Your contact information will not be shared outside of the current year’s MSARF Summer Program participants or the FAER office. You also have the option of joining the MSARF Summer Program Facebook group.

**SYMPOSIUM AND ASA ANNUAL MEETING QUESTIONS**

**When and where is the FAER MSARF Symposium?**
The MSARF Symposium is Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 2-5 p.m. at the American Society of Anesthesiologists annual meeting. The meeting will be held at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, California. The room location is to be announced.

**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 will not register you for the annual meeting. You must visit the ASA annual meeting webpage and click on the registration link.

**How do I register for the MSARF Symposium?**
You “register” for the Symposium by submitting your abstract to FAER. Please note that you must also register for the ASA annual meeting in order to attend the MSARF Symposium.
Is the Symposium a requirement of the MSARF Summer Program?
No, it is not a requirement. FAER highly recommends participation at the Symposium 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.

How many posters may I present?
You may present one poster. FAER's policy for MSARF projects and presentations at the MSARF
Symposium is:
• One student per project
• One project per student
• One poster per project

Are FAER's poster guidelines the same as ASA's?
No, FAER's poster guidelines are different than ASA's. You can find the abstract and poster guidelines on
the FAER MSARF webpage.

What are the requirements for my abstract and poster?
You can find the abstract and poster guidelines on the FAER MSARF webpage.

What is the deadline for submitting my abstract to FAER for the MSARF Symposium?
September 2, 2015.

What are the prize amounts for the abstract awards at the MSARF Symposium?
Prizes will be issued for best Clinical, Basic Science and Health Services abstracts. Awards will be $150
each.

Are there sessions at the ASA annual meeting other than the MSARF Symposium 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. FAER will also provide its own recommendations closer to the
meeting date.

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.

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 for all
parties.