



MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY AND ALLIANCE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Program Summary

International Health Studies Grant Program

At the May 2001 Annual Meeting, the Massachusetts Medical Society House of Delegates adopted Report: 411, A-01(D) which established an annual international health studies grant program to be administered by the Massachusetts Medical Society and Alliance Charitable Foundation (Foundation), with input from the Committees on Global Medicine and Medical Education.

Students and resident physician members of the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) are eligible to apply for grants in the amount of \$750 to defray the costs of study abroad. The MMS will donate sufficient funds to the Foundation to underwrite four grants annually, although future provisions may be made to invite private or corporate donations to expand the size and/or number of grants.

Primary Goal

To encourage international education, particularly focusing on underserved populations.

Application Deadline

The Foundation Board of Directors will consider applications once a year. Applications must be submitted **electronically** to foundation@mms.org and received by 4:00 p.m. on **September 15**. The letter from the supervising faculty may also be submitted electronically but an original must also be received. A funding decision will generally be made within 45 days of deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

A review committee comprised of members of the Foundation Board of Directors, and representatives from the MMS Committees on Global Medicine and Medical Education will review all applications. When possible, candidates will represent the four medical schools in Massachusetts. If additional funding is available, candidates from the residency programs will also be represented; with no more than one grant going to any single institution. The review committee will submit recommendations to the Foundation Board of Directors for grant consideration and final approval.

Funding Priorities

Preference will be given to applicants planning careers serving underprivileged populations in the world.

What materials should be submitted?

1. An approved application form, describing the planned project or elective, including start and ending dates;
2. Description of the intended use of grant funds;
3. Description of career plans

Supervising faculty at the applicant's school or residency training program must submit an additional letter on institutional letterhead attesting that:

1. the applicant is in good standing, and
2. that the project or elective is already approved and supervised.

Funds will be distributed to the selected applicants by the Foundation after completion of the project or elective and submission of a report of the experience; along with relevant photographs and a letter from the supervising faculty attesting to the applicant's completion of the program. Additionally, all selected grant recipients will be invited and expected to showcase their lessons learned at a Medical Society sponsored event.

Completed applications should be submitted electronically to foundation@mms.org. For more information on the Foundation and its activities, contact Jennifer Day, Manager, at (781) 434-7044, or email jday@mms.org.