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Dear Colleague:

It is our pleasure to provide you the enclosed flyer featuring a new award being offered by the AGA Research Foundation this year to encourage under-represented minorities to enter into GI research.

The AGA Investing in the Future Student Research Fellowship is a new program to support under-represented minority undergraduate or medical students in a summer fellowship in digestive disease or nutrition research for eight to 10 weeks. The award offers \$5,000 for travel, housing and stipend. The award is supported by the NIDDK (Award R25DK096968). The application deadline is February 15.

We encourage you to share this award information with interested students. Students will rank three mentors from a list of eligible mentors at institutions across the U.S. The students will work with their mentor on a research project over the summer of 2013. Eligible candidates include African Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives and Natives of the U.S. Pacific Islands.

The foundation website -- www.gastro.org/foundation - contains more information including a list of eligible mentors and the application form. Please contact the AGA Research Awards Manager with questions via telephone 301-222-4012 or email awards@gastro.org.

In addition, AGA has launched an online tool, the AGA Researcher Directory. Now open to non-AGA members, clinical and basic researchers can identify collaborators, potential mentors, and share resources. To create a profile or search the directory, visit www.gastro.org/ResearcherDirectory.

Sincerely,

Nicholas F. LaRusso, MD, AGAF
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Enclosure



Summer Fellowship Opportunity for Underrepresented Minority Students

AGA Investing in the Future Student Research Fellowship

The American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Research Foundation is offering 10 summer fellowship awards of \$5,000 each to stimulate interest in digestive disease and nutrition-related research among underrepresented minority students. Highly qualified students will have the opportunity to work with top investigators in the fields of gastroenterology and hepatology. The award includes a stipend to offset housing and travel costs.

Who Is Eligible

- Eligible candidates include African Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives and Natives of U.S. Pacific Islands.
- Candidates must be undergraduates or medical school students at accredited U.S. institutions.
- Candidates must plan on performing eight to 10 weeks of research related to digestive diseases or nutrition during the summer of 2013.
- Candidates may not hold similar salary support awards from other agencies (e.g., American Liver Foundation, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, etc.).

How to Apply

- The application deadline is Feb. 15, 2013.
- Download an application at www.gastro.org/foundation.
- Combine a completed application, transcript and reference letters into one PDF file, titled by the applicant's last name and first initial, and email to awards@gastro.org. Hard copies will not be accepted.
- Direct all questions to the senior research awards manager via telephone at **301-222-4012** or email at awards@gastro.org.

This award is supported by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (R25DK096968).

Apply online at www.gastro.org/foundation.



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