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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2014 Fellowship Award

The Latin American Society for Immunodeficiencies (LASID) and Baxter BioSciences are pleased to announce the Fellowship Award, which offers an award to an individual for training during one year in primary immunodeficiency. The 2014 Fellowship Award will provide 2 individuals a one-year grant in the amount of \$26,000.

The objective of the grant is to support the development of academic clinical immunology research careers of advanced fellows-in-training who have demonstrated commitment to the study of primary immunodeficiency as a career path in Latin America. Funding is to support the education and research endeavors of this individual. This award is made possible by a generous unrestricted grant from Baxter BioSciences.

Below are the instructions for submitting an application for the 2014 Fellowship Award.

The deadline for the award application is September 24th, 2013
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Please read the instructions very carefully.

Please note that the deadline cannot be extended for any reason.

AWARD APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications must be received on or before September 24th, 2013.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES:

- Applicants must hold an MD, MSc or PhD degree and plan to pursue a career in primary immunodeficiency;
- Applicants must have previous training in Pediatrics or Internal Medicine, or a MSc or PhD for basic sciences in an immunology/microbiology, allergy, rheumatology, hematology/oncology or infectious disease program and be in good standing within the program;
- Applicants must be enrolled in recognized programs in their countries;
- Applicants who already have full faculty positions are not eligible;
- Applicants must be Latin American Citizens or a resident alien with a Legal Resident Status in Latin American Countries.
- The applicant, his/her director must be LASID members and comply with the LASID Registry program, registering all eligible patients on that database.

CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD:

- The award is \$26,000 in one year: \$20,000 is used for salary support and \$6,000 may be used for laboratory or scientific travel support activities.
- Award begins *January 2014* and is not renewable for the same recipient person.
- Award may only be used for salary support and direct costs.
- Recipient must make proper acknowledgements in presentations and publications resulting from the research sponsored by the award. The awardees will also notify the Grant Committee of any publications resulting from the work supported by the Fellowship Award.
- The institution is responsible for documenting its role in terms of supporting the education and research efforts as well as providing adequate research capacity, including space and equipment, for the award recipient.
- The applicant, his/her director must be LASID members and comply with the LASID Registry program, registering all eligible patients on that database. The program director must indicate the potential number of cases that will be registered by the time of the award.
- The recipient must submit a final written progress report to the LASID board at the conclusion of the award period. It is also expected the recipient will present the final results of their research at a future LASID Meeting.
- The awardee's institution is required to submit a financial progress report at the conclusion of the award period.
- The award is nontransferable except under unusual circumstances. To request a transfer of the award, the request must be submitted to LASID in writing. LASID and Baxter will review the request and come to a mutually agreeable decision and notify the recipient in writing of the decision.

- The LASID may discontinue an award if it is documented that the purpose or the terms of the award are not being fulfilled. In this event, the recipient will be notified in writing of this determination, the reason, and the effective date.

REVIEW PROCESS:

- Applications will be reviewed by an appointed Grant Committee designated by the LASID.
- The Grant Committee will score the applications (recusing themselves from any applications which would represent a conflict of interest). The scores will be compiled and the applications discussed on a conference call.
- Application review decisions are final.

REVIEW CRITERIA:

- Scientific merit of training program and research project
- Commitment to the field of primary immunodeficiency
- Environment and mentor
- Career plan (potential impact on the care of patients with primary immunodeficiency)

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Award applications must be submitted by e-mail. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The online application will include:

- I. Applicant's Personal Statement
- II. Career Development Plans
- III. Current Training and Research Environment Description
- IV. An Outline of the Current Career Development Project
- V. Applicant Biographical Sketch
- VI. Primary Mentor Biographical Sketch
- VII. Financial Conflict of Interest Statement(s)
- VIII. Letter(s) of Recommendation

Applicants should direct questions to

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WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT:

At the III LASID Meeting in Santiago, Chile, October 17-19, 2013