



**THE AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF
OBSTETRICIANS AND
GYNECOLOGISTS FOUNDATION**

with

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ANNOUNCE

A jointly sponsored Mentored Clinician-Scientist Career Development Award

**THE GOG FOUNDATION / AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF OBSTETRICIANS AND
GYNECOLOGISTS FOUNDATION (GOG FOUNDATION / AAOGF) MENTORED
CLINICIAN-SCIENTIST CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

2020

History

The American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society evolved from a merger in 1981 of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, an organization founded in 1888, and the American Gynecological Society, founded in 1876. The goals of both organizations were similar, being to enhance knowledge in the field, encourage transmission of current knowledge, and the recruitment of talented individuals to Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (AAOGF) was incorporated in 1929, to serve as a mechanism to support the annual Joseph Price Oration and then to establish an annual Prize Award for a manuscript presented at the meeting. The resources of the Foundation have been enhanced significantly by bequests from the estates of Dr. James Kennedy in 1966, Dr. Walter Dannreuther in 1969, Dr. J. Bay Jacobs in 1989 and Dr. Henry L. Darner in 1996. To accomplish the mission, the primary focus of the AAOGF is the support of research training scholarships for individuals pursuing an academic career in the specialty. The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Educational Foundation has very generously contributed over the years to the support of the scholarship program, and currently participates with the AAOGF in jointly funding one new scholar per year. The Foundation for the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (Foundation for SMFM) has offered scholarships to Maternal-Fetal Medicine trainees since 1992. In 2002, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine and the AAOGF agreed to jointly sponsor a scholarship to be awarded to an Obstetrician Gynecologist who has training and a commitment to performing research in Maternal-Fetal Medicine. *In 2018 the GOG Foundation and AAOGF jointly sponsored a scholarship for Gynecologic Oncology trainees. The objective of this scholarship was to enhance the development of future academic physician-scientist leaders in the field of gynecologic oncology who have a specific interest in career development in clinical trials. In 2019 the GOG Foundation and AAOGF added another joint scholarship award to support mid-career investigators with a focus on clinical trials in gynecologic oncology by sponsoring a 2-year AAOGF/GOG Foundation Mentored Clinician-Scientist Career Development Award.*

Call for Applications for

GOG Foundation/AAOGF Mentored Clinician-Scientist Career Development Award

The AAOGF and GOG Foundation seek to identify and enhance the development of clinician-scientists and future leaders in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Gynecologic Oncology who have a history of clinical trial involvement.

The objective of the collaboration is to promote mid-career faculty engagement in clinical trials, enhance retention, and maximize opportunities for long-term success. Retention of mid-career investigators is crucial in order to maintain and secure pipeline of investigators who will be the future leaders in developing novel therapeutics. The proposed collaboration will develop a targeted faculty development program for productive gynecologic oncologists who have had initial experience with clinical trials and provide mentorship to understand pathways to success and independent clinical trial funding. This award is designed for applicants proposing to lead a clinical trial (investigator-initiated, NRG Oncology, or GOG-Partners trial), or ancillary clinical trial project.

The Award

The total annual funding for the scholar is \$75,000 for two years. Sufficient funds to support travel to the annual AAOGF fellows' retreat must be set aside. The balance of funds may be used for salary, clinical trial and technical support, and supplies. The award is made under the direction of the AAOGF Scholar Committee and GOG-Foundation Education and Mentoring Committee.

The award is intended to fund two consecutive years of clinical research support and training. The initial award is for one year and is renewable for an additional consecutive year of support, based on satisfactory progress of the scholar in meeting programmatic requirements and on the availability of funds. Indirect costs are not provided.

Recipients must agree to provide progress reports and follow-up after the conclusion of the scholarship on an annual basis and as requested.

It is expected that the scholarship training will be conducted at the same institution for the entire period of funding. Transfer of institutions or change of mentors during the period of funding must receive the prior approval of AAOGF and GOG Foundation. Unexpended funds must be returned to the sponsoring organization unless approval is granted for an extension. Extensions must be requested and will only be allowed for up to two years.

Application Requirements

Candidates must have been awarded an M.D. or D.O. degree, completed subspecialty training in Gynecologic Oncology, and must be certified by ABOG at the time of the award. Candidates for the AAOGF/GOG Foundation scholarship must be candidate members or members of the Society of Gynecology and Oncology. **At least 20% of the candidate's efforts should be spent in clinical trial development, clinical trial oversight, clinical trial research training and the conduct of research.**

Applications for the subsequent academic year will be accepted only if the application is received electronically by November 15, 2019. The application form and format are provided at the end of this announcement. The application must be signed by the candidate. The following materials must be submitted for the application to be considered complete and be reviewed for funding:

Eligibility:

1. Gynecologic Oncologist with prior experience in clinical trials
2. Board certified by ABOG at the time of the award.
3. Mid level career greater than ≥ 7 years from completion of fellowship
4. Society of Gynecologic Oncology candidate member or member
5. Exclusion criteria
 - a. Full Professor
 - b. Current GOG Foundation Scholar, GOG Foundation New Investigators, other mentored clinical scientist research award, and R01 grant recipients.

APPLICATION FORMAT (Please use Fonts – Arial 11)

- I. Cover Page
- II. Candidate qualifications
 - a. Complete curriculum vitae with bibliography, past research experience, and record of other research and/or training grants or awards - past and pending
 - b. The cover letter (limit 2 pages) should provide a brief description of the applicant's research interest(s), competencies, prior clinical trial research experience, clinical trial training, and description of planned clinical trial training. If advanced degree (ie Masters) not previously completed then outline plan for formal courses, structured conferences, etc. The letter should also describe the applicant's career goals and how this award might facilitate those goals.
- III. Letters of support and commitment (must accompany application)
 - a. A letter of support from a Division Director or Department Chair
 - i. Should include the basis for the sponsoring department's selection of the candidate and future plans for development and placement
 - ii. Should also confirm that at least 20% of the candidate's efforts will be spent in clinical trial research and training.
 - b. Mentor
 - i. Letter of commitment should include a statement of commitment to the candidate and his/her clinical trial training, a list of past trainees
 - ii. Should describe mentoring plan specific for clinical trials and evaluation including proposed means of evaluating productivity.
 - iii. The mentor's *NIH-style* biosketch (which should include a list of current NIH grants)
- IV. Resources (1 page)

- a. Departmental and institutional support for clinical trials
- V. Research proposal (based on NCI LOI format – limit 2 pages)
 - a. Title for clinical trial
 - b. Rationale and Background
 - c. Hypotheses and Objectives
 - d. Study design with schema
 - e. Abbreviated inclusion/exclusion criteria
 - f. Treatment plan
 - g. Correlates include if *integral, integrated, or exploratory biomarkers, who will conduct analysis and site*
 - h. Endpoint/statistical considerations
 - i. Selected Bibliography
- VI. Budget*
 - a. Personal salary support including clinical trial staff
 - b. Purchase of equipment and supplies
 - c. Services
 - d. Other items (specify)
 - i. *Total annual funding to scholars will be \$75,000. Sufficient funds to support travel to the annual fellows' AAOGF retreat must be set aside. The balance of funds may be used for salary, staff support, technical support, and supplies.
- VII. Documentation of Institutional Review Board (Human Subjects) approval(s)
 - a. Documentation of approvals from the Institutional Review Board (Human Subjects) can follow NIH “just in time” approval rules. However, following granting of the award no funding will be released until full documentation of the necessary approvals is received by AAOGF and the GOG Foundation unless approved by the AAOGF Scholar and GOG Foundation Education and Mentoring Committee.

Evaluation of Applications

The evaluation of applications will be conducted by committee(s) and will be based on:

1. The scholarly, clinical and research qualifications/promise of the candidate, including evidence of the candidate’s commitment to an investigative career in Gynecologic Oncology clinical trials in the United States or Canada.
2. Qualifications of the sponsoring division/department and mentor(s) with respect to research experience, grant track record, prior research mentoring, adequacy of opportunity for appropriate collaborative relationships, facilities and other appropriate resources.

3. The overall quality of the mentoring plan.
4. Ascertainment that 20% of time and effort of the candidate will be dedicated to the clinical trial research.
5. The quality of the research project, including evidence that the applicant is either performing an originally conceived project or taking on an area of interest of the mentor that represents a significantly new direction.
6. The accuracy and completeness of the application.
7. A personal interview will be required as part of the evaluation process. After an initial review, the most competitive applicants may be invited for the interview. The Committee may also elect to interview the mentor via a telephone conference. The candidate interview will be conducted at the January 2020 NRG Oncology meeting.
8. The Committee reserves the right not to make a selection if none of the applications meet the standards of the Committee for acceptance.

Monitoring of Scholars

The recipient of the award must submit an interim progress report by May 1 of the first year of award, and a final report by July 1 of the second year of award. All reports should be countersigned by the faculty mentor and should include a monetary accounting of the funds awarded. The first annual report should detail the candidate's achievements and the projected plans for the succeeding year. The report should include any significant changes in departmental resources, which might affect the program, such as change of mentor or collaborators, altered funding, change of chairman, etc. Changes in the program that deviate from the original application require the approval of the AAOGF Scholar's Committee and the GOG Foundation Education and Mentoring Committee. The reports should be sent to AAOGF Scholar Committee.

In the spring or early summer following receipt of the award, a member of either the AAOGF or GOG Foundation will schedule a structured visit for the respective scholar either on site or at the NRG Oncology meeting. The scholar must provide site visitors with a progress report prior to the visit. The scholar will receive specific metrics that must be addressed during the time of the site visit.

The AAOGF/GOG Foundation grant will be separated into stages with a rigorous evaluation process between the stages. Stage I will conclude at the completion of the first site visit and review of the first progress report. The progress report and site visit must demonstrate that the scholar is meeting the specific research aims as outlined in the grant application, as well as meeting the mentor's milestones defined at the outset of the award. If the scholar has not made sufficient progress, funding may be continued for a limited period (e.g. 6 months) and the scholar given notice that improvements must be made. A scholar given a limited extension for remediation will be asked to submit an interim progress report and a site visit may be required before authorization is given for additional funding. Stage II will consist of continuation of funding in year two based on annual progress reports demonstrating sufficient progress toward completing the remaining project objectives.

Scholars are expected to attend all semiannual NRG Oncology meetings, SGO clinical trial courses (if relevant), and the annual AAOGF retreat in all grant years. Funds must be set aside

from the award to support attendance at the AAOGF retreat. Failure to attend the retreat may jeopardize renewal of funding.

Preparation and submission of additional clinical trials with or without the assistance of the scholar's mentor is viewed as an essential element of the training experience and is an expected outcome of the scholarship.

Following completion of the scholarship, the awardees will be invited to the annual meeting of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (AGOS) and/or GOG Symposium to present their work accomplished during the award period. The presentations are a requirement for successful completion of the scholarship. The AAOGF/GOG Foundation awardees are expected to submit abstracts concerning the work accomplished during the period of the award for peer review by the Society of Gynecologic Oncology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, or equivalent societies.

All submissions and inquiries regarding the scholarship should be directed to:

AAOGF/GOG Foundation Award

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Submitting Applications: DEADLINE November 15, 2019

All applications must be received **electronically** by November 15, 2019. Send the application, recommendation letter, and mentor letter via e-mail to the appropriate individuals listed above.

NOTE: Convert **all** word files to PDF.

Application– COVER PAGE

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| GOG FOUNDATION AAOGF MENTORED CLINICIAN-SCIENTIST CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD APPLICATION | | |
| <i>(Submission deadline: November 15, 2019)</i> | | |
| NAME OF APPLICANT: <i>(Last name, First Name, Middle)</i> | DEGREE(S) | |
| Phone/Fax <i>(Area code, number and extension)</i> | MAILING ADDRESS <i>(Street, city, state, postal code, country)</i> | |
| Phone: Fax: | | |
| E-mail Address: | | |
| APPLICANT ORGANIZATION: | | ORGANIZATION ADDRESS: |
| SIGNATURES: | | |
| Signing this application form constitutes an agreement of the terms and conditions set out in the GOG Foundation Scholar Investigator Award. The applicant certifies that the information provided in this application is true and complete in every respect. | | |
| Applicant: | | |
| Print Name: | Signature: | Date: |
| Office Use: | | |

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. Cover Page
2. Cover letter
3. Curriculum vitae
4. Letters of support
5. Resources
6. Research proposal (limit 2 pages)
7. Budget.

8. Documentation of IRB approvals