



THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF GASTROENTEROLOGY 2012 INTERNATIONAL GI TRAINING GRANTS PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION

International GI Training (IGT) Grants provide partial financial support to physicians outside of the United States and Canada to receive clinical or clinical research training or education in Gastroenterology and Hepatology in selected medical training centers in North America. Grants are to be used for travel to and from the training center and to the ACG Annual Meeting as well as for incidental expenses related to IGT.

ELIGIBILITY

Physicians who are not citizens of nor are residing in the United States or Canada and who are working in gastroenterology or related areas are eligible to apply together with his/her training institution.

AWARDS

One fellowship with a maximum of \$10,000 per IGT fellowship will be awarded during 2012, for a training period of not less than 6 months.

Applicants should submit a completed application form, curriculum vitae, copies of all published articles and abstracts within the last five years, a personal statement that summarizes the reasons and objectives of additional training, and completed application form by host training center. Three letters of recommendation are required — one from the training preceptor/director and another from a person of your choosing to be forwarded with the application. A third letter of support is required from an ACG Fellow which should be mailed under separate cover to the ACG administrative office. Completed applications and all correspondence should be mailed to the ACG address listed below.

REVIEW PROCESS

Awards will be made by a special committee of the ACG and will be based upon the applicant's credentials, the merit of the proposed training by the selected host training center and the potential of enhancing the field of gastroenterology in the applicant's home country.

Application forms can be obtained online at www.gi.org or from the ACG administrative office. All applications must be submitted by mail or express delivery to: ACG International Training Grant, Attn: Maria Susano, 6400 Goldsboro Road, Suite 450, Bethesda, Maryland, 20817-5846.

Questions regarding this program should be addressed to Qiang Cai, M.D., Ph.D., FACP, Chair, International Relations Committee, American College of Gastroenterology, 6400 Goldsboro Road, Suite 450, Bethesda, Maryland, 20817-5846.

DEADLINE

Deadline for submission of application is **March 30, 2012**. The awardees will be notified after **July 1, 2012** with funding to begin after **July 2012**.

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PURPOSE: Provide funding for clinical or clinical research training so that an individual can acquire or develop new cognitive knowledge or a technical skill. This newly acquired knowledge or skill would then be used to improve patient care in the applicant's geographic area.

SELECTION PROCESS: The International Relations Committee of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) will be responsible for reviewing the applications and selection of the awardees. The selections will be made annually. The completed application must be received at the ACG Office no later than *March 30, 2012*. Awards will be based solely on the merits of the application. Travel grants may or may not be awarded in any given year.

GUIDELINES

APPLICANTS

1. Complete an application form.
2. Include a written personal statement on reasons for seeking training.
3. Copy of curriculum vitae.
4. Three letters of recommendation: one from your training preceptor/director; one from an ACG fellow; and one from another person of your choosing.
5. Copies of published articles and abstracts (last 5 years).
6. Must be responsible for selecting host training center who will agree to participate in program and to forward completed host training center application. This host training center must be able to accomplish training goal.
7. Written summary (critique, educational experience) by applicant to be submitted to the International Relations Committee monitor at the completion of the GI training program.
8. The International GI Training Grant of the College must be mentioned in any publication(s) generated between awardee and host training center through this program.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

1. Written acceptance of host training center for applicants must be included in the application.
2. Written outline of training program for applicant (goals, schedule, etc.) to be included in application.
3. Written summary (critique) of program submitted to International Relations Committee monitor at completion of study program.
4. Acknowledgment of ACG's International GI Training Grant in all publications generated from study period.
5. Host training center is voluntary. ACG would not be responsible for any additional financial obligation to preceptor for GI training program. Selected international GI fellows will receive up to \$10,000 during the training period.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY MONITOR

1. To be selected from members of the International Relations Committee of ACG to monitor awarded studies and serve as conduit to ACG from host training center and awardee.
2. Monitor will oversee only one GI training program at a time.
3. Monitor will review completed summaries (critiques) by host training center and awardee and report to the International Relations Committee annually (at Annual Meeting).



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INTERNATIONAL TRAINING GRANT APPLICATION FORM

To be filled out by applicant (please type or print):

Name in Full: _____

Office Address: _____

Residence Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Date & Place of Birth: _____

Education

College or University Attended and Dates: _____

Medical School Attended and Dates: _____

Postgraduate Training:

Type

Institution

Dates

Internship: _____

Residency: _____

Fellowship: _____

Other: _____

Present Professional Position: _____

Publications from last five years (please attach separately)

Funding Amount Being Sought: _____

Other Financial Support Committed: _____

Are There Sources for Travel Funds Available from your Government or elsewhere in your Country? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

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INTERNATIONAL TRAINING GRANT
APPLICATION FORM**

To be filled out by host training center and forwarded with application by applicant (please type or print):

Hospital/Center: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Program Director: _____

Individual Responsible for Applicant and Phone Number: _____

Specific Training Objectives (written outline including goals, schedule, etc.): _____

Duration of Program (include dates): _____

Previous Experience of Program with International Trainees (last five years only): _____

Housing Arrangements: _____

Signature of Program Director: _____ Date: _____