



AGA Jon I. Isenberg, MD International Scholar Award



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DESCRIPTION

This award, established in 2004, provides a total of \$50,000 for one year of study, \$25,000 from the AGA and \$25,000 in matching funds from the applicant's national GI society. The award provides for non-US citizen young investigators to spend one year performing GI-related research at an American institution under the tutelage of an AGA member. Four awards will be given in 2005, 2006 and 2007, for a total of 12 awards. This award is named after the late Jon Isenberg, MD, professor emeritus of medicine at the UCSD School of Medicine, who was internationally recognized for his work in peptic ulcer disease and for his clinical expertise in diseases of the gastrointestinal system. Dr. Isenberg was a staunch advocate of young investigators and served as a mentor to many trainees outside the United States.

OBJECTIVE

To promote international scholarship, increase AGA's involvement within the international GI community and foster international collaboration in training GI investigators.

ELIGIBILITY

An eligible candidate must be nominated by his or her national GI Society. The national GI society must match the \$25,000 contribution from the AGA. Before submitting an application, a candidate must identify a sponsoring American institution and a research preceptor who agrees in writing to supervise his or her training and research. Qualified candidates must possess a doctoral degree, either an MD, or equivalent degree, and/or a PhD degree. In keeping with the intent to support the career development of young investigators, the candidate must be within five (5) years of completing GI training or, if a PhD, within five (5) years of the receipt of the degree, at the time of initiation of the award. A documented parental leave of absence will not be counted towards the five (5) years of eligibility.

REQUIREMENTS

All application packages must be in English and conform to the requirements for font size, length and organization, detailed in the web-based instructions. Each application must contain the following: A Research and Career Development Proposal not exceeding four single spaced pages, in a font no smaller than 12 point; a detailed letter of nomination and financial commitment from the candidate's national GI society; a curriculum vitae or resume; and a letter of commitment from the candidate's American preceptor. In addition, the application must contain a letter from the candidate's current mentor detailing plans for the career development of the candidate upon his or her return. The AGA must receive funds from the national GI society upon acceptance and prior to initiation of this award. Resources allocated through this award are intended to provide salary support and travel expenses for the recipient.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be considered by the Selection Committee:

- A brief summary of the candidate's training and background;
- Applicant's past academic and research accomplishments;
- Applicant's research training goals and potential for a GI-related research career;
- Research training program proposed;
- Qualifications and suitability of the proposed sponsor and appropriateness of the institutional environment.
- Geographic diversity of applicants will be considered but will not be a determining factor for selection.

REVIEW PROCESS

A Selection Committee, comprised of the AGA Research Policy Committee Vice-Chair, Research Awards Panel, the chair of the AGA International Committee, and three members-at-large, will review the application packages and select the recipients.



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DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of applications without exception is **January 14**. An electronic copy of the application must be submitted by the deadline to awards@fdhn.org. If the deadline falls on a weekend, applications must be received by midnight the following Monday. Letters of Commitment may be e-mailed by the signatories or mailed to the Foundation for Digestive Health and Nutrition, 4930 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814, postmarked by the deadline.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Copies of applications and complete electronic submission guidelines can be accessed at www.fdn.org. Questions regarding the application submission process should be addressed to the Research Awards Manager by telephone (301) 222-4005, facsimile (301) 222-4010 or e-mail at info@fdhn.org.

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