



2015 AAFP VACCINE SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP Deadline: March 16, 2015

The American Academy of Family Physicians announces the availability of **two vaccine science fellowship positions for family physicians.** The selected fellows will work with mentors to become more knowledgeable about vaccine science and policy.

The overall intent of the program is to develop a cadre of family physicians interested in and knowledgeable about vaccines issues. Application priority will be given to family physicians that have a position of policy making regarding vaccines, teaching about vaccines, research on vaccines, or background in clinical policy/guideline development.

This cadre of family physician vaccine experts will assist the AAFP in providing effective input into the deliberations and decisions of federal and state public health agencies that set vaccine policies as well as educating practicing family physicians about advances in vaccines. This fellowship will address the interface between public health and the family physician community to make vaccine information effective and practical to the membership of the AAFP. The proposed outcome will be improved use of immunizations by the U.S. public and the highest level possible of vaccine safety and public acceptance of vaccines.

Selected applicants will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and practical “hands on” experience through participation in meetings of leading experts in public health and immunizations, federal and state vaccine policy groups and vaccine manufacturers.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicant must be Active Category Member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, in practice or teaching—and out of residency and fellowship.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
- Applicant must submit a CV, letter of interest, and complete a conflict of interest form.
- Each applicant must devote approximately 10% of full time employment (FTE) for one year.
- Applicant’s institution, practice and/or department chair must submit a letter agreeing to commit 10% FTE protected time for the applicant to complete the fellowship.
- Applicant must commit to travel time for appropriate meetings (see Fellowship Description).
- Because funding support for the AAFP Vaccine Science Fellowships is provided by Merck & Co., Inc., the selected applicants may be disclosed by Merck and posted on a public website by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services as covered recipients under the Physician Payments Sunshine Act, codified at 42 CFR Parts 402 and 403. The funder will have no input into or control over selection of fellows or content of the fellowships.

Please submit your CV and a letter of interest electronically to Janet Leiker, RN, MPH, CPHQ at Jleiker@aafp.org. The conflict of interest form can be completed online at: www.aafp.org/conflict. The application deadline is March 16, 2015.

FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION:

- The purpose of the fellowship is to develop a cadre of family physicians who are interested in the science of vaccine development and production as well as vaccine policy. This program is designed to be of particular assistance to those who are mid-career in their professional development. The awards will be granted to two fellows annually. Each fellow will work with mentors who are experienced in immunization policy and issues.
- The fellowship is for 1 year with the commitment from their institution and/or department chair that they will allow the time to complete the fellowship. The fellowship period will be April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016.
- Each fellow will devote approximately 10% FTE for one year (approximately 22 days). A nominal stipend will be provided.
- The fellow will be required to dedicate time for travel in order to be involved with vaccine related meetings. Travel costs will be covered under the fellowship. The fellow will attend approximately 7 meetings during the term of the fellowship. Proposed meetings include: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; National Vaccine Advisory Committee; National Immunization Conference; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Washington DC to meet key governmental staff; Vaccine Manufacturers; and the Wisconsin Council on Immunization Practices meeting and/or the Wisconsin State Immunization Program.
- **Please Note: The fellows will need to attend one of the following Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices meetings: June 24-25, 2015; October 21-22, 2015 or February 24-25, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia.**

REVIEW COMMITTEE & SELECTION:

Applications will be reviewed and awardees selected by a review committee independent of any supporter involvement. The awardees will be notified via e-mail by March 23, 2015.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Supporting application materials (Letter of Interest, CV, Institutional or Department Letter) should be emailed by March 16, 2015 to:

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Applications will be acknowledged via email upon receipt. If acknowledgement has not been received, please contact Ms. Leiker.