



2017 AAFP VACCINE SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP

Deadline: April 3, 2017

The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has **two vaccine science fellowship positions available for family physicians**. The fellows will work with mentors to become more knowledgeable about vaccine science and policy.

The intent of the program is to develop a cadre of family physicians interested in and knowledgeable about vaccine issues. Application priority will be given to family physicians who hold a position of vaccine policy-making, teach about vaccines, research vaccines, or have a background in clinical policy and/or guideline development.

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 educate family physicians about advances in vaccines. The fellowship positions will serve as a bridge between the public health community and the family physician community to make vaccine information effective and practical to AAFP members. The proposed outcomes are increased use of immunizations, effectively communicating vaccine safety, and encouraging public acceptance of vaccines.

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

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicant must be an active category member of the AAFP, in practice or teaching, and out of residency and fellowship.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
- Applicant must submit a curriculum vitae (CV) and letter of interest.
- Applicant must complete AAFP's Conflict of Interest form. In addition, applicant must have minimal or no FINANCIAL conflicts of interest related to entities that provide manufacturing and/or distribution of vaccines or related products. *(Priority will be given to applicants that are free of any conflict of interest).*
- 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% of 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 Pamela Carter-Smith, MPA, at Pcarter@aafp.org. The Conflict of Interest form can be completed online at: www.aafp.org/conflict. **The application deadline is April 3, 2017.**

FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION:

- The purpose of the fellowship is to develop a cadre of family physicians who are interested in the science of vaccine development, production, and policy. This program is designed to be of particular assistance to those who are mid-career in their professional development. The awards are granted to two fellows annually. Each fellow will work with mentors who are experienced in immunization policy and issues.
- The fellows' institution and/or department will commit time to allow the fellow to complete the fellowship program. The fellowship period will be from **April 17, 2017, to April 1, 2018.**
- Each fellow will devote approximately 10% FTE for one year (approximately 22 days). A stipend will be provided.
- The fellows 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 seven meetings during the term of the fellowship. Proposed meetings and partner groups to meet include: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP); National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC); National Immunization Conference (NIC); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Washington, DC, to meet key governmental staff; AAFP Family Medicine Experience (FMX); vaccine manufacturers; and the Wisconsin Council on Immunization Practices meeting and/or the Wisconsin State Immunization Program.
- **Fellows will need to attend one of the following Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices meetings in Atlanta, Georgia: June 21 to 22, 2017; October 25 to 26, 2017; or February 21 to 22, 2018.**

REVIEW COMMITTEE AND SELECTION:

Applications will be reviewed and awardees selected by a review committee independent of any supporter involvement. The awardees will be notified via email by April 13, 2017.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Supporting application materials (letter of interest, CV, and institutional or department letter) should be emailed by April 3, 2017, to:

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Applications will be acknowledged via email upon receipt. If acknowledgement has not been received, please contact Ms. Carter-Smith at pcarter@aafp.org.