



## 2010 AAFP VACCINE SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP

**Deadline: February 26, 2010**

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. 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.

Submissions for the fellowships are requested by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

### **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 and letter 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% FTE protected time for the applicant to complete the fellowship.
- Applicant must commit to travel time for appropriate meetings (see Fellowship Description)-**Note requirement to attend the National Immunization Conference, April 19-22, 2010.**

Please submit your CV and a letter of interest electronically to Bellinda Schoof, MHA, CPHQ at [bschoof@aafp.org](mailto:bschoof@aafp.org). The application deadline is February 26, 2010.

### **FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION:**

- The purpose of the fellowships 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 early in their post graduate education careers. 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, 2010 – March 31, 2011.
- 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 congressional committee staff; Vaccine Manufacturers; and to the Wisconsin Council on Immunization Practices meeting and/or the Wisconsin State Immunization Program.
- **The fellow should note, that they need to attend the following meetings: National Immunization Conference April 19 – 22, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices June 23-24, 2010 or October 27-28, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia.**

### **REVIEW COMMITTEE & SELECTION:**

Applications will be reviewed and awardees selected by a review committee independent of any supporter involvement. The winners will be notified via e-mail by March 10, 2010.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Supporting application materials (letter of interest, CV, institutional or department letter) should be emailed by **February 26, 2010** to:

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