

## **NASTH 2017 Research Fellowship**

The NASTH Fellowship is an 8-10 week program aimed at introducing students to the field of hemostasis and thrombosis by supporting the students' work on targeted research projects. The experience includes collaboration with a research mentor, and preparation and presentation at the bi-annual THSNA Summit.

The research focus may be lab-based, clinical or epidemiology research. Applicants are required to develop a research proposal, in consultation with their mentor, that can be completed within the 8 – 10 week fellowship period. Prior research experience is not required but is considered favorably, along with demonstrated academic achievement, service and leadership.

### **Eligibility**

- First, second or third year medical students, PhD students, or MD/PhD students
- Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada at the time of application.
- Students may apply for a second fellowship after successful completion of one.

### **Benefits**

Fellows will receive:

- \$5,000 fellowship stipend
  - \$2,000 of which is payable at the start of the program, \$2,000 in the middle of the program, and \$1,000 upon completion of the final report.
- \$2,000 travel allowance for attending and presenting at an NASTH/THSNA meeting
- Guidance from a researcher and career-development mentor

Hosting lab will receive:

- \$1,000 stipend for ancillary expenses, to be paid at the beginning of the program

### **Obligations**

- Fellows are required to provide a short (1,000 – 1,500 word) written report at the end of the research period.
- Students will be expected to present the results of their research at an NASTH/THSNA meeting.

### **Timeline**

2016

December 1   Applications open

## 2017

January 15	Deadline for Mentor Request Form
March 30	Application deadline
April 15	Award winners notified

Note: Fellowships must be completed by March 1, 2018.

## **Application Process**

### **Identify and Connect with a Mentor**

All applications require collaboration with a research mentor who is a member of NASTH. You may choose a mentor at your own medical school or in another location in the U.S. or Canada.

If you are interested in applying for the NASTH Research Fellowship but do not have a research mentor, you may request to be matched to a mentor by completing the [Mentor Request Form](#).

### **Develop a Research Proposal**

This requires that you meet in person or via phone with your mentor and identify a specific, hypothesis-based research project. You must develop a strong understanding of the project and describe it in your own words in the application.

### **Application**

- Complete the [Application Form](#)
- Attach:
  - One-page CV
  - Letter of endorsement from your research mentor (the research mentor must be a member of NASTH)

### **Evaluation**

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- The academic potential of the research project
- Clarity and feasibility of the research proposal
- Applicant's experience and track record (research, academic achievement, service)
- Applicant's interest in hematology/thrombosis

## **Mentors**

Prospective mentors must be members of NASTH (membership is free of charge). Research mentors/hosting lab receives a \$1,000 stipend at the beginning of the research period.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Assist the applicant with the development of a research project plan (Note: the description of the research plan submitted with the application must be in the applicant's own words.)

- Upon award, help the applicant prepare for their fellowship period, including suggested readings or other training.
- Oversee the research project, including regular review of milestones and provision of feedback/guidance.
- Provide an evaluation at the end of the project.
- Assist the fellow with preparation for their presentation.
- Provide career guidance and support to encourage a career in hematology/thrombosis.

## **Resources**

- [FAQ](#)
- Questions may be addressed to: [info@NASTH.org](mailto:info@NASTH.org) or 617-778-1585.