



2010 Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowships

The opportunity: Research support for a continual period of a minimum of 8 to 10 weeks, 30 hours or more per week, for clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, or social science/health services research. Funds from the fellowship are expected to be the major source of support for the student. **Only one candidate from each school may be nominated.** Councilors should keep "runners-up" applications on file in case additional funds become available. The name of the fellowship program honors Carolyn L. Kuckein, long-time administrator of ΑΩΑ and an honorary member of the society, who died in 2004.

The awards: \$5000, one-half paid on announcement of the award, and one-half on approval by ΑΩΑ of a final report of the research. Up to \$1000 will be reimbursed for travel to present research results at a national meeting.

Eligibility: First-, second-, and third-year students from schools with active ΑΩΑ chapters are eligible. Ph.D.s and candidates for Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. are not eligible.

Dates for application:

1. Proposals must be submitted to the councilor before **December 31, 2009.**
2. The final application to the national office must be postmarked no later than **January 31, 2010.**

Application to the councilor:

The councilor and his or her selection committee will choose the proposal judged to be the most promising and with a high probability of completion during the summer.

1. A three-page summary of the research project written by the applicant in 12-point type with 1-inch margins, as follows: title, hypothesis, rationale, background information, methods and sample size, plan for data analysis, and potential significance. Details of the role of the student in preparation and execution of the project must be provided, along with an estimate of the number of weeks that the student will devote to the project.
2. The student's curriculum vitae and bibliography, social security number, current address, telephone number, e-mail, school and year of graduation.
3. A letter of support from the faculty supervisor that indicates his or her commitment of time and interest to the project and student.
4. The mentor's curriculum vitae.

Application to the national office:

The proposal selected by the councilor's selection committee must be sent to the national office, and should include, in addition to the items included in the submission to the councilor:

1. A letter of endorsement from the ΑΩΑ councilor; and
2. A dean's endorsement that should comment upon the student's achievements and potential and the suitability of the faculty sponsor for mentoring.

All materials must be submitted in triplicate. All supporting letters **MUST** accompany the original submission; incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Mail the original and two copies of the application to:
Research Fellowship Selection Committee
Alpha Omega Alpha
525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130
Menlo Park, California 94025

The review process: A committee of physician scientists and ΑΩΑ's board of directors will evaluate each proposal. Additional information or clarification may be requested.

Date of award announcement: On or about April 15, 2010.

Other important information:

1. **Approval of clinical or animal projects by the local medical center IRB or IACUC will be necessary before funding is approved.**
2. No later than December 31, 2010, the student must submit a report of the research to the Menlo Park office, detailing methods, results and discussion. Any publication of the ΑΩΑ-supported research project should contain the following acknowledgment: *Supported in part by an Alpha Omega Alpha Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship.*

More information: Contact Carol Wong at (650) 329-0291 or c.wong@alphaomegaalpha.org. This notice and checklist may be found on ΑΩΑ's web site: www.alphaomegaalpha.org/student_research.html

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Mr/Ms/Mrs:		First name	Last name
Address:			
Social Security No.:		Telephone	
E-mail:		Year of graduation	
Title of your proposal:			
School:			
Councilor name(s):			
Mentor name(s):			
Dean's name:			
Permanent address (e.g., parents):			
Permanent phone:			

CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION TO AΩA COUNCILOR (by December 31, 2009):

	Three page summary of research proposal in 12-point type or larger		
	Title		Method and sample size
	Hypothesis		Plan for data analysis
	Rationale		Potential significance
	Background information		Estimate of time student will devote to project
	Your curriculum vitae and bibliography for proposed project		
	Your mentor's curriculum vitae		
	Letter of support from faculty supervisor, indicating his or her anticipated degree of involvement and plans for supervision of the research		
	IRB or IACUC approval for clinical or animal research		

CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL OFFICE (by January 31, 2010):

	Letter of endorsement from AΩA councilor
	Letter of endorsement from the dean, including comments about suitability of faculty advisor

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