

STELLAR: AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT #2
RHEUMATOLOGY TRAINEE OR RECENT GRADUATE

SUPPORTING TRAINING EFFORTS IN LUPUS FOR LATIN AMERICAN
RHEUMATOLOGISTS



The objective of this award is to provide hands-on experience in lupus clinical research to a rheumatology trainee or recent graduate whose primary area of interest is lupus. The recipient of the STELLAR award will use the LUMINA database both to enhance clinical research skills and knowledge during the tenure of the award and to continue lupus research in his or her country of origin.

Eligibility for the Award

The candidate needs to fulfill the following requirements:

1. Have completed his/her clinical rheumatology training in his/her country of origin or elsewhere, or be on his/her senior year of training
2. Be \leq 35 years of age by December 31, 2006
3. Be committed to establish a lupus database in his/her country of origin
4. Have the commitment to continue his/her involvement in lupus research in his/her country of origin
5. Be English proficient and willing to spend ten months conducting lupus research at The University of Alabama at Birmingham (under Dr. Graciela S. Alarcón, M.D., M.P.H)

Application

The application package will include the following:

1. Curriculum vitae
2. A detailed plan on how to establish a lupus database
3. A research project utilizing the LUMINA database to be executed during his/her training
4. A detailed lupus research project to be carried out upon his/her return to his/her country
5. Three letters of recommendation; one of them should be from the Director of training at the institution where the candidate trained or is training. The letters of recommendation should be submitted electronically, by fax or by regular mail to UAB (c/o Dr. Graciela S. Alarcón)

The entire application is due at UAB on or before April 28, 2006. Dr. Alarcón's office will distribute the applications to the jurors. The review of the applications will be completed by May 26, 2006, and the awardee will be awarded shortly there after. The awardee is expected commence his/her tenure in October 2006.

Jury

Chair:

- Graciela S. Alarcón, M.D., M.P.H., UAB, Birmingham, AL

Members:

- John D. Reveille, M.D., UTH, Houston,
- Luis M. Vila, M.D., UPR, San Juan, PR
- Luis R. Espinoza, M.D., LSU, New Orleans, LA
- Luis J. Catoggio, M.D., Hospital Italiano, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- César O. García, M.D., Guatemala City, Guatemala

Stipend

The stipend for the trainee will conform to NIH guidelines and will be commensurate with the applicant's years of rheumatology training. The award includes \$1800 to be used to defray the cost of either traveling to and from the US or to attend a rheumatology meeting at a national or international venue.

For further inquiries and submission of letters and application

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