



Dear Hematology Fellowship Program Director,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you about the upcoming **8th Annual Hematology Fellows Consortium** taking place in Charleston, South Carolina from **October 13-15, 2017**. I am writing you today to invite you to nominate your fellows to apply for this exclusive educational retreat I am chairing for their ongoing development and career advancement.

This program is being conducted under the auspices of the ***Hemostasis and Thrombosis Research Society*** and is being generously supported with an educational grant from Bayer.

The aim

The ultimate objective of the Hematology Fellows Consortium is to attract current fellows in Hematology-Oncology training programs into the field of non-malignant hematology and to retain and sustain their interests as they begin to formulate their career goals and begin their job searches. This program provides the unique opportunity for the fellows to interact with each other and with established and distinguished academic hematologists, who can serve as additional role models and mentors beyond their fellowship programs. This year our esteemed faculty are: Craig S. Kitchens, MD, MACP, University of Florida, Barbara A. Konkle, MD, Bloodworks Northwest, and Clifford M. Takemoto, MD, the Johns Hopkins University. The Program Chair is myself, Craig M. Kessler, MD, MACP.

We have noted from our experience in the previous programs that the fellows bond with each other and that they establish important networking contacts and skills that will facilitate the success of their future careers in clinical or basic research in non-malignant hematology.

Ideal candidate

We are seeking prospective participants for this program and would like to request that you nominate an appropriate fellow in your hematology/oncology training program to participate in this unique program.

The nominee should be a fellow who aspires to be active in the field of non-malignant hematology and specifically is interested in hemostasis and thrombosis. We are looking for the following profile for applicants:

- Individuals who were in their first or second year of fellowship as of July 1, 2017.

- Those involved in an active research project in the area of non-malignant hematology or who are in the process of developing a concept sheet for a basic/clinical research project.

Because of the limited number of slots available for this meeting, those potential candidates' projects, which are specifically focused on areas pertinent to hemostasis and thrombosis, will be prioritized. Fellows with research projects in other non-malignant hematology areas or rising third or fourth year fellows as of July 1st with an active research project will be considered on an individual basis.

Program outline

If selected, the fellows will be asked to bring a synopsis of the aims and objectives of their research proposal or a "concept sheet" in PowerPoint format with them to the meeting. These will be used to facilitate the interactive portion of the meeting in which a mentor will be paired with 4-5 fellows for breakout groups. During this time, each fellow will present his/her research objectives and methods to peers with subsequent discussion of the research concept sheet by the mentor, who will provide constructive recommendations and guide the fellows in understanding the elements of performing good clinical or bench research. The mentor will also provide advice regarding how to write successful grants likely to be funded after peer review.

Each group of fellows will select the best concept sheet proposal and the selected fellow will then work with the mentor to present their proposal to the larger audience of their peers the next morning. The meeting participants will then vote on the rest of the 5 proposals and the winner will receive a stipend to fund attendance at an appropriate domestic research meeting venue, eg, the Hemostasis and Thrombosis Research Society Scientific Symposium, the American Society of Hematology or other relevant meeting. It should be emphasized that the purpose of this weekend is to enhance fellows' exposure to non-malignant hematology and is not intended to supplant their fellowship program experience.

Application details

In order to nominate your fellow for this unique program, the following will need to be submitted:

- Recommendation letter by Fellowship Director
- [Application Form](#) including Research Concept Sheet (attached)
 - Note: We understand if this may be in preliminary form at this stage, but kindly complete with as much detail as possible
- Fellow's CV

Please provide information on your nominee for our consideration and return via email to admin@medicusworks.com by **Tuesday, August 1st.**

We have limited space for up to 16 individuals and we will be accepting suitable candidates on a running basis. Those selected will be notified by **August 30th**. Please feel free to contact us with any queries.

Thanking you in advance.

Regards,

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