

## **HEMATOLOGY FELLOWS CONSORTIUM: October 25-27, 2019**

### **Nomination Guidelines: Aim, Ideal Candidates, Program Outline**

**The aim:** The 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 career goals and begin 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.

Past experience in previous programs indicates that fellows bond with each other and establish important networking contacts and skills that may facilitate the success of their future careers in clinical or basic research in non-malignant hematology.

**Ideal candidates:** Nominated fellows should aspire to be active in non-malignant hematology and specifically interested in hemostasis and thrombosis with the following profile:

- Individuals who are/were in their first or second year of fellowship as of July 1, 2019.
- Those involved in an active research project in non-malignant hematology or who are in the process of developing a concept sheet for a basic/clinical research project.

A limited number of slots are available for this meeting, so potential candidates' projects specifically focused on 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, 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 grouped with three or four 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 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 his or her proposal to the larger audience of peers the next morning. The meeting participants will then vote on the rest of the proposals and the winner will receive a stipend to fund attendance at an appropriate U.S. research meeting such as the HTRS Scientific Symposium or the American Society of Hematology. The purpose of this weekend is to enhance fellows' exposure to non-malignant hematology and is not intended to supplant their fellowship program experience.