Undergraduate Student Travel Awards



2016 Southeastern Medical Scientist Symposium

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Twenty (20) SEMSS Undergraduate Student Travel Awards will be given to undergraduate students who are interested in exploring careers as physician-scientists. These travel awards are funded by a R15 grant from the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIH/NIGMS) and will consist of \$175 stipend to offset registration, housing, and travel expenses.

Applications are evaluated on:

- The quality and originality of research project.
- The student's contribution to the research project.
- The candidate's potential as a physician-scientist.
- The candidate's access to SEMSS (i.e. distance from conference location, lack of local undergraduate institution support for meeting, travel expenses, etc).

Eligibility:

- Students must be authors on an abstract submitted to SEMSS.
- Student must be able to attend SEMSS and present a poster based on the submitted abstract.
- Students must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate student and have not received their Bachelor's degree prior to the SEMSS conference.

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2016 SEMSS Undergraduate Student Travel Award Application

All components of the Travel Award Application will be entered onto the SEMSS Registration Website. You will be required to provide the following information:

- 1) Personal information.
 - Name, email, and college or university
 - Current year in school
 - Gender, race and ethnicity (optional)
 - Mode of travel to Birmingham (driving/flying)
 - If you are interested in sharing a hotel room with another travel award winner
- 2) Abstract.
 - Preference will be given to students who are first author on the abstract.
- 3) A personal statement (300 word maximum) explaining:
 - The candidate's contribution to the project.
 - The candidate's future career plans.
 - The relevance of the SEMSS experience to the candidate's future career plans.
- 4) A resume or CV, highlighting activities demonstrating the student's potential as a physician-scientist.

Application deadline September 15, 2016. Early applications are encouraged, as awards will be made on a rolling basis. You must also separately register for the SEMSS meeting and submit your abstract for presentation at the meeting (in addition to sending in your abstract with the travel award application).