



American Brain Tumor Association

September, 2008

Dear Researcher:

The American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) is seeking outstanding young brain tumor researchers to begin a Fellowship July 1, 2009 for studies to be conducted in the United States or Canada.

All such research will be given serious consideration, including pediatric brain tumor research. Eligibility requirements for pediatric research applicants may vary from other applicants, depending upon their training programs. Additionally, we are interested in receiving innovative research proposals - those that incorporate novel or original concepts and have the potential to make a difference.

An ABTA **Basic Research Fellowship** is an \$80,000 two-year award. The Fellowship provides annual salary support of \$35,000 to a post-doctorate who has demonstrated the motivation and potential to conduct basic research. The remaining \$5,000 per annum is to be expended at the discretion of the researcher for equipment/supplies or travel to an appropriate meeting, including a trip to Chicago in May/June, 2011 to present research results.

Fellowship eligibility:

- 1.) An MD has a seven-year window of opportunity. The candidate will be within two years of residency completion or will be within five years of post-residency training as of July 1, 2009. If residency program mandates research work earlier, indicate on the application, question #3.
- OR**
- 2.) A PhD has a five-year window of opportunity. An eligible candidate will have his/her doctorate by January 1, 2009 and will have no more than 5 years postdoctoral laboratory experience by July 1, 2009.

Criteria for selection include the quality of the applicant, including their neuro-oncology commitment; the training program; and the proposed research.

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Conditions for fellowship support further include:

Indirect expenses may not be allocated from these awards.

Verification of Same Use of Award Funding following the first year of the fellowship.

A presentation in Chicago to the ABTA Board of Directors, along with an abstract of findings, at the conclusion of second year funding. These travel expenses are part of the discretionary allowance.

Acknowledgement of American Brain Tumor Association support in any media releases, publications, abstracts, podium or poster presentations generated by this award.

The deadline for completed applications, including all attachments is January 7, 2009. Awards will be announced by April 15th for research work to commence July 1, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours truly,

Deneen Hesser

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Director of Research and Patient Services



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BRAIN TUMOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION 2009-2011

1. Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

2. Present Position _____ Department _____

Institution _____

Mailing Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

3. Status as of July 1, 2009:

MDs - Resident, PGY _____
- Residency Completion (actual or expected date) _____

PhDs - Date PhD conferred _____

4. Institution where research will be done _____

5. Name of Proposed Sponsor _____

Title _____ Department _____

Institution _____

Mailing Address _____

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Phone _____ Fax _____

6. Title of Proposed Research _____

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6a. Please circle all topic areas that relate to your proposed research.

Angiogenesis	Apoptosis / Cell Death	Cell Cycle	Cell Signaling	Cellular Differentiation & Transformation	Chemotherapy & Experimental Therapeutics
DNA Damage / Repair	Drug Delivery	Epigenetics	Gene Expression / Transcription	Gene Therapy & Viral-Based Therapies	Genetics
Imaging	Immunology / Immunotherapy	Invasion / Motility	Proteomics	Radiation Therapy	Stem Cells

7. Is this a laboratory study? _____ Yes _____ No

8. Have you applied, or do you intend to apply, elsewhere for salary support? If yes, please explain.

Competitive fellowships for salary support cannot exceed your regular salary.

9. If funded, indicate the amount of protected research time you will devote to the proposed research project. _____ hours/week
It is expected that you will devote significant time to this work.

10. Attach your Curriculum Vitae. Include educational data; professional positions held; scholarship honors and membership in professional societies and other organizations. Also, please list citations only of your publications in chronological order. Copies of journal articles will not be accepted. *Designate as Attachment #10*

11. Attach a concise, but complete, statement of the research you previously pursued together with your current studies. This statement should not exceed one single-spaced page.
Designate as Attachment #11

12. Attach a statement about your career goals. Indicate how an ABTA Fellowship can impact your future scientific career plans. This statement should not exceed one single-spaced page.
Designate as Attachment #12

13. Attach a general statement, setting forth the purpose and design of proposed investigation and training. This statement should not exceed two single-spaced typewritten pages. Do not submit separate charts or graphics. References pertaining to the proposal may be listed on a separate page in citation format.
Designate as Attachment #13

14. Attach a lay summary of the proposed research for our website or newsletter. Do not exceed 200 words.
Attachment #14 *Designate as*

15. References:

a.) The PROPOSED SPONSOR is required to submit a letter stating acceptance of the applicant, and a Biographical Sketch, not to exceed 3 pages. The Biosketch needs to include Education, Honors, Professional Experience, Professional Activities and Publications. However, **do not** list any Publications, Presentations, et al prior to 2005.

15. References (continued)

- b.) Three additional letters of reference are required. All three individuals should be personally acquainted with the applicant and the applicant's professional work. List the names of these three individuals.

Additional References

- 1.) Name _____
2.) Name _____
3.) Name _____

NOTE: Please emphasize to your references the importance of submitting their letters in a timely manner. The deadline for receipt of all letters of reference is the same as the Fellowship Application - January 7, 2009. They can be mailed directly to the American Brain Tumor Association, or they can be submitted with your application in a sealed envelope.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this application was authored by me.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

The above applicant, if awarded a fellowship, will be accepted by this institution.

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Signature

Print or type name

Print or type name

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Address _____

Submit original plus 3 copies, including attachments, to arrive no later than Wednesday, January 7, 2009.

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You are requested to advise the AMERICAN BRAIN TUMOR ASSOCIATION promptly should you decide to withdraw your application for any reason.