The Academy at Harvard Medical School
The Academy Center for Teaching and Learning

The HMS Academy Medical Education Fellowship

Request for Applications
Fellowship Period: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
APPLICATIONS DUE: 5 PM Monday, March 6, 2017

The Academy at Harvard Medical School is pleased to announce a Request for Applications for one-year fellowships in medical education for the Fellowship period July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018. The HMS Academy Medical Education Fellowship provides educators with dedicated time to develop the expertise and skills needed to advance academic careers in medical education and medical education research. Faculty participating in the Fellowship will:

- Develop and enhance their skills as clinician educators;
- Develop analytical and research skills in medical education;
- Acquire the knowledge and skills to become educational leaders and change agents within their academic communities;
- Join a community of clinician-educators dedicated to enriching the field of medical education;
- Complete a major project focused on curriculum, faculty development, learner assessment, or educational research; preference is given to projects that address topics and/or teaching venues important to medical student education.

HMS Academy Medical Education Fellowship Overview
The Director of the HMS Academy Medical Education Fellowship, David Hirsh, MD, will conduct fellowship seminars twice monthly on Friday mornings at HMS. These seminars are required sessions during which the group discusses core medical education topics and assigned readings. Examples of sessions include developing curricula, conducting educational research and program assessment, applying the learning sciences to educational design and to pedagogy, and enhancing teaching skills for active lecturing and small group teaching.

Fellows from the HMS Academy Fellowship will meet together with Fellows from the Rabkin (BIDMC) and Mount Auburn Fellowships on four Fridays during the academic year in sessions that include such cross-cutting topics as the history of medical education and issues in medical education research and study design, the latter incorporating discussion of the Fellows’ project evaluation research prospectuses. The HMS Academy Fellows will also have sessions with the Masters of Medical Science-Medical Education (MMSc) graduate students to advance scholarly work.

Academic Projects
HMS’s Academy Fellowship activities include completion of an academic project. Projects are focused on educational continuous quality improvement, curriculum development, faculty development, assessment of learners, or education research. Ideal projects:

- Contribute to the education of Harvard medical students through curriculum innovation, educational research, faculty development, or enrichment opportunities. Applicants with an interest in and project proposal that addresses an educational quality improvement issue in the medical school curriculum or one of its courses will be given preference;
- Can be completed during the fellowship year, or, if the project has multiple phases, a key phase can be completed during the fellowship year;
• Can be sustained both programmatically and financially following implementation, if applicable.

Fellows are required to prepare a poster describing their projects for review at the end of the year and for presentation at HMS Medical Education Day in the fall following the fellowship year. The HMS Academy Fellowship strongly encourages that work continue on the projects so they result in publication. Substantive mentoring to support fellows in their project and their overall academic growth is a value and strength of the program.

Applicants may view Current and Past Fellows at the following links:
Current Academy Fellows and their projects
Past Academy Fellows and their projects

Expectations:
• Devote 10% of time to project and Fellowship activities. Applicants must have the support of their department chair or division chief to commit to this program, free of other responsibilities, in order to achieve the objectives of the Fellowship activities.
• Be committed to meeting twice monthly during the fellowship year with Fellowship Faculty and other fellows to discuss projects and share experiences. Fellowship sessions will be held at HMS in the TMEC 384 Conference Room, 260 Longwood Avenue.
• Identify a project mentor who will meet with you regularly to discuss and help implement your project.
• Submit an abstract of the Fellowship project for a poster presentation or technology demonstration at HMS Medical Education Day in the fall following the fellowship year.

Qualifications:
Candidates must possess an MD or PhD, be active members of the HMS faculty, and hold the academic rank of Instructor or higher and have:
• A minimum of 2 years active teaching experience at HMS at the UME or GME level
• Ability to devote the necessary time to the fellowship activities and academic project
• Applicants with leadership roles in HMS courses/clerkships and/or GME programs are encouraged to apply and are viewed as particularly strong candidates.

Funding
Funding is available through the Morgan-Zinsser, Curtis Prout and Jackson Academy Fellowship Fund endowments. The stipend is $20,000.

Selection Process
An Academy Fellowship selection committee will review all applications, interview finalists on the evening of Monday, March 27th, 2017 from 5:00pm-7:30pm and announce results immediately thereafter. Applicants must be available for the interview, if invited.

To apply for an HMS Academy Fellowship in Medical Education, please submit the following eight (8) items:

✓ ONLINE APPLICATION FORM: Please complete the required online application form. The online application will activate your application. It is a required part of the application process.
✓ COVER LETTER: A cover letter that includes a personal statement outlining your career goals and what you hope to gain through an Academy Fellowship in Medical Education;
✓ CV: A copy of your Curriculum Vitae;
✓ PROJECT PROPOSAL: A description [no longer than 2-4 pages] of a project you would conduct during the fellowship year, including:
  ▪ Goals of the project
  ▪ The problem it addresses and who will benefit
- Barriers
- Resources required
- How the project will be evaluated

✓ **SALARY SOURCE STATEMENT:** A statement indicating your salary sources and how you would free up 10% of your time to devote to the fellowship for one year. This plan must be reviewed and approval documented by your department chair or division chief;

✓ **DEPARTMENT CHAIR RECOMMENDATION:** A letter of recommendation and statement of support from your department chair and/or division chief, including a commitment to free 10% of your time from other responsibilities to pursue your fellowship project and meet with Fellowship leaders monthly

✓ **PROJECT MENTOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION/ LETTER OF SUPPORT:** The Project Mentor should write a letter of recommendation attesting to your commitment to and involvement in medical education. The project mentor should also indicate his/her commitment to overseeing the project and to spending adequate time mentoring the applicant.

✓ **ONE ADDITIONAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** One additional letter of recommendation from a Harvard faculty member who can attest to your commitment to and involvement in medical education.

All applications materials can emailed to the Academy: academy@hms.harvard.edu
The three recommendations can be emailed directly to the Academy: academy@hms.harvard.edu

Deadline: NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. Monday, March 6, 2017

If you have questions about The HMS Academy Medical Education Fellowship, please contact The Academy at Academy@hms.harvard.edu.

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