



2019 Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship

Honors Carolyn L. Kuckein, long-time administrator of ΑΩΑ and an honorary member of the society who died in 2004, by providing financial support for research to be conducted either during a continual period of a minimum of 8 to 10 weeks, 30 hours or more per week; or an average of four hours per week for 12 months over a period of one to two years, for clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, social science/health services research, leadership, or professionalism.

Funds from the fellowship are expected to be the major source of support for the student's research. Only one candidate from each school may be nominated. A student may only receive one fellowship during medical school.

Provides: \$5,000, of which one-half will be paid on announcement of the award, and the second half after receipt and approval of the final research report. In addition, each student will be reimbursed a maximum of \$1,000 to cover travel expenses related to the presentation of his/her Fellowship research results at a national meeting or conference that takes place within one year of distribution of the final check. Within 60 days following the travel, students will need to complete and submit the reimbursement form found on ΑΩΑ's website along with a copy of the conference registration form or agenda containing their presentation date and time.

First-, second-, and third-year medical students from schools with active ΑΩΑ Chapters, or associations, are eligible. Students who have earned an MD or PhD holders are not eligible for this fellowship, but are encouraged to apply for the Post Graduate Award.

Proposals first must be submitted to the student's Chapter Councilor for review and consideration. Each Chapter Councilor may set his/her deadline for submission. Councilors and their selection committees will select one proposal for submission to the National Office. The final application must be received by the ΑΩΑ National Office no later than **January 31, 2019**.

Proposal to Councilors: The proposal must include:

- The completed checklist ([download the checklist](#)). Checklist may be more than one page.
- A summary (no more than four pages) of the research project written by the applicant, single-spaced, in 12-point type with 1- inch margins. The summary must include: title; hypothesis; rationale; background information; methods and sample size; plan for data analysis; potential significance; role of the student in preparation and execution of the project; an estimate of the number of weeks that the student will devote to the project; and an acronym definition list if needed.
- The project bibliography.
- Proof of IRB or IACUC approval or submission for approval if required.

- The student's CV (no more than four pages).
- A letter of support from the faculty mentor/research supervisor indicating his/her commitment of time and interest to the project and student.
- The faculty mentor/research supervisor's biographical sketch (no more than four pages – see NIH format).

Applications must be sent to the AΩA National Office by e-mail as PDF, and must include, in addition to the items included in the submission to the Councilor:

- A letter of endorsement from the AΩA Councilor.
- A Dean's endorsement including comments on the student's achievements and potential, and the suitability of the faculty mentor/research supervisor.
- Applications should be e-mailed to Libby Appel at studentresearch@alphaomegaalpha.org. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All AΩA members included in the application packet must have active status in AΩA.

An AΩA committee will evaluate each proposal, may request additional information, and will make the funding decision.

Winning awards will be announced **April 30, 2019**.

Other Important Information:

- No later than **June 30, 2020**, all students must submit a detailed final research report (minimum of four pages) to the AΩA National Office. The report must include the title; original hypothesis and a description of the methods; discussions; results; and conclusions. In addition, each student may submit a separate abstract of no more than 300 words for publication on the AΩA website. Completion of the project is not required.
- Any publication of the AΩA-supported research project must contain the following acknowledgment: Supported in part by an Alpha Omega Alpha Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship.
- Alpha Omega Alpha is committed to upholding a high standard of professionalism, compassion and humanism in medicine. Patients should be treated with dignity and their privacy respected. AΩA will not accept submissions to any of its programs that conflict with these values, or contain bigotry, or highly politicized content.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I find out who my school's AQA Councilor is?

Visit the AQA website, [Chapters](#) or [Associations](#), and lookup your school

What is the deadline for submitting my proposal to my school's AQA Councilor?

Each school and Councilor may set their own date for submission to the school's selection committee. Contact your school's Councilor for the exact date.

Are there restrictions as to how the award money should be used?

No. How the money may be used is entirely at the recipient's and their mentor's discretion.

Is a student restricted to doing the research project in the summer months?

No. It is up to the student and the school's scheduling. The fellowship is intended as a summer program; however, a student may do the project whenever convenient. In many cases, it is part of an on-going project. The student is required to complete the project and submit a final report to the National Office by June 30 of the following year.

Does the student applying for the research fellowship have to complete the research at the same institution? No. The research can be completed at any institution as long as the student has a specific mentor there who is willing to support him/her. However, it is recommended that the student detail in the submission how he/she and their mentor will work together and communicate.

If a student has completed his/her third year, but plans to take a year off to do research, is the student eligible for an award?

Yes, if the student does not anticipate graduating in the same year that the fellowship is awarded, and is enrolled in classes at the medical school.

Can a student accept additional funding from another organization on the same project?

Yes, as long as AQA funds are the major source of support for the student's research.

For more information contact Libby Appel at studentresearch@alphaomegaalpha.org, or (720) 859-4149.

Last updated 9/20/18

Checklist: AΩA Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowships

Mr/Ms/Mrs:		First name:		Last name:	
Address:				Cell phone:	
E-mail:				Year of graduation:	
Title of proposal:					
School:					
Councilor name(s):				E-mail:	
AΩA chapter admin name (optional):				E-mail:	
Mentor name(s):				E-mail:	
Mentor address					
Dean's name:				E-mail:	
Dean address					

Checklist for submission to AΩA councilor (by December 31st):

	Item	File Name									
	Completed checklist	1-Checklist.pdf									
	Four-page summary (single-spaced, 12 point type, 1-inch margins)	2-Summary.pdf									
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	Bibliography of the project	3-Biblio.pdf									
	IRB or IACUC required? (Y or N)										
	IRB or IACUC approval, or proof of application (do not include the complete submission)	4-Approval.pdf									
	Student's curriculum vitae	5-StudentCV.pdf									
	Letter of support from mentor/research supervisor	6-MentorLtr.pdf									
	Research supervisor's biographical sketch (do not send the complete CV)	7-MentorBio.pdf									

Checklist for submission to national office (by January 31st, Midnight PST):

	Letter of endorsement from AΩA councilor	8-CouncilorLtr.pdf
	Letter of endorsement from the dean, including comments about suitability of faculty advisor	9-DeanLtr.pdf

E-mail as PDF(s) to: studentresearch@alphaomegaalpha.org
 Subject line: 2019 Student Research Fellowship Application

Questions: Contact Libby Appel at 720-859-4149 or studentresearch@alphaomegaalpha.org
 or visit: alphaomegaalpha.org/student_research.html.