Request for Proposals for the PSG Visiting Mentorship Program

Submission deadlines:
Friday, May 31, 2019

The PSG Visiting Mentorship Program is funded by a grant from Sunovion Pharmaceuticals. The goal of this program is to promote the continued development of newly trained movement disorders clinician-researchers into world-class investigators. This initiative focuses on the mentorship of young investigators committed to clinical research in the Parkinson arena by seasoned, established clinical investigators. While there are several courses and conference that a young investigator can participate in, there is no substitute for a personal mentor-mentee relationship, where the mentor can review the mentee’s proposed initiative(s), and meet with the mentee’s team, local set up, and provide in-person sage advice.

Available funds: PSG will award up to four awards totaling $7,450, including $5,000 for mentor honorarium and $2,450 for travel, meals, and incidentals related to mentoring.

Application requirements:

Mentees:
1. Active or Provisional PSG Members (a request for a non-PSG mentee will be considered with appropriate justification).
2. Within 10 years from their fellowship training in Movement Disorders.
3. With a proposed area of investigation in Parkinson disease or other forms of parkinsonism.
4. Cannot have applied for a PSG Visiting Mentorship award within the last 12 months.
5. Completion of final written progress report.

Mentors:
1. Active PSG Members who are established investigators in the areas of their mentee’s interest (a request for a non-PSG mentor will be considered with appropriate justification).
2. Must be someone from outside of the mentee’s institution.
3. Must be willing to travel to the mentee’s home institution.
4. Priority given to Investigators who have not previously served as a Mentor in the program.
5. Must agree to travel to the mentee’s institution for at least one in-person meeting to include delivering one lecture (e.g. Grand Rounds, teaching conference), and have one roundtable discussion with the local team.
6. After initial meeting, must provide written feedback to the mentee, with a copy sent to the PSG Mentorship Committee.
7. Must agree to have 2-3 brief teleconferences with the mentee throughout the year to follow up on the progress of the mentee’s project.

The project:
- Project period is 1 year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.
- Needs to be an investigation into an aspect of PD.
- The investigators/research can be basic, translational, or clinical.
- The short and long-term goals of the project should be clearly stated.
- The reason(s) why a visiting mentorship is critical to the project should be described.

Proposal Requirements:
- An electronic copy of the proposal in pdf-format must be received by the PSG on or before Friday, May 31, 2019. Applications should be sent by email to Roseanna.Battista@chet.rochester.edu.
- The complete application should include:
  1. Complete Visiting Mentorship Program application form. (Contact Roseanna for an application form).
  2. NIH-style biosketch for applicant (mentee) and mentor.
  3. Mentor letter stating willingness to participate as mentor for the applicant.
- The PSG Visiting Professor Program budget must not exceed $7450 with $4,000 provided to the mentor after the initial written report to the mentee, after the in-person mentoring meeting with a copy sent to the Mentoring Committee. The final $1,000 honorarium will provided after 12 months and with documentation of the completion of the conference calls.

All proposals should be received electronically on or before above deadlines. Applications will be reviewed by the PSG Mentoring Committee and applicants notified of selection for funding within 6 weeks of the deadlines.