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THE JEREMIAH A BARONDESS FELLOWSHIP IN THE CLINICAL TRANSACTION OF THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE: Mastering the Patient Physician Interaction

Introduction

The New York Academy of Medicine, in collaboration with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), is pleased to announce the call for applications for the 2018–2020 Jeremiah A. Barondess Fellowship in the Clinical Transaction. The overall goal is to enhance the ability of young physicians to conduct the essential elements of the clinical transaction, capacities required for effective clinical care. The program invites junior faculty in internal medicine with a university appointment to develop innovative programs that enhance this fundamental element of clinical care through educational innovation.

Background

The clinical transaction consists of three core skills: obtaining a comprehensive and accurate clinical history; performing a thorough and accurate physical examination; and engaging in a rigorous process of clinical reasoning from the data acquired through these techniques. During recent decades, there has been an erosion of the transmission to medical students and graduate trainees of these critically important skills. There now commonly are deficits in the ability of trainees to communicate with patients, conduct the physical examination, and apply clinical reasoning. Importantly, this has occurred in the face of major changes in the complexity of clinical practice, driven by the aging of the population and an increased burden of chronic diseases. The complexity of patients requires well-developed clinical skills, substantial clinical sophistication, and appropriate use of technology. There is a need to increase the focus on the clinical transaction and to energize education in these basic clinical skills. While the importance of the clinical transaction has long been recognized in medical education, there remains a need to innovate and strengthen teaching of these critically important capacities.

Jeremiah A. Barondess Fellowship

To honor the visionary role of Jeremiah A. Barondess, MD in medical education, and to recognize his teaching of clinical skills at the bedside to generations of medical students and residents, the New York Academy of Medicine established The Jeremiah A. Barondess Fellowship in the Clinical Transaction. The Fellowship will provide resources to junior faculty in internal medicine to enhance the clinical skills of physicians in training. It will support one fellowship in 2018–2020 focused on innovative approaches to educating medical students, training residents, and encouraging the development of faculty with special interest and expertise in education in the clinical transaction. The Fellowship will promote supportive institutional structures and processes, with a specific focus on building successful educational experiences in the clinical transaction. An example of responsive applications is the expansion of successful institutional initiatives focused on mentoring for clinical proficiency in the setting of a supportive clinical environment.

Through the Internal Medicine Milestones Project, the internal medicine community, with support and guidance from the ACGME and the American Board of Internal Medicine, has identified four milestones that relate directly to elements of the Clinical Transaction [Milestones PC1 (1), PROF1 (16), PROF3 (18), PROF4 (19), and ICS1 (20)]. The Barondess Fellowship is intended to complement this effort by supporting systematic efforts to develop internists who, by the end of their training, have achieved the aspirational goals for internists in each of these areas.

Fellowship Goals

The goals of the Fellowship are to enhance the quality of the clinical transaction through innovative and rigorous educational experiences, to develop evidence of the power of the well-conducted clinical transaction, and to improve the patient experience in clinical care by emphasizing high clinical and technical competence as well as empathy and compassion as integral elements of the clinical transaction. The fellowship funding is intended to provide protected time for a single recipient to address these goals within their institution.

Eligibility

The New York Academy of Medicine, in collaboration with the ACGME, invites applications from a Medical School, Department of Medicine, and Medical School Affiliated Teaching Hospitals with an approved Internal Medicine residency training program in the United States. Institutions currently receiving a Barondess Fellowship are not eligible to apply for this round of funding. Candidates should have exemplary clinical skills and a commitment to innovative teaching and training focused on the development of excellence in the clinical transaction. The Fellowship is for junior faculty with a regular university/faculty appointment (e.g. assistant professors), with key responsibilities for developing, directing, and teaching in a robust, innovative clinical training program. Clinical fellows or senior residents in their last year of training may apply, but must have a junior faculty position/university appointment at the start of the Fellowship funding period on July 1, 2018.

Application Submission and Review

The applications will be submitted [online](#). The Fellowship Committee will review all applications and select the awardee for 2018–2020. The Academy will award the Fellowship to a Medical School and a Department of Medicine with an internal medicine program and its nominee at the [2018 ACGME Annual Educational Conference](#), March 1 – 4, 2018 in Orlando, Florida. The Fellowship will support innovative educational efforts in the program and no less than 25% of the awardee's (nominee's) time. In addition to a primary focus on the fundamental clinical skills, candidate programs may wish to include consideration of the impacts on educational and training programs of new factors in the clinical environment, such as the electronic medical record, patient questionnaires, use of electronic communication between doctor and patient, and pre-admission laboratory and imaging studies; the application should address how the Fellowship will have a lasting impact on their internal medicine program.

One Fellowship will be awarded in 2018–2020 on a competitive basis for a two-year period. The award for the Fellowship will be \$50,000 (\$25,000 per year for two years). Progress Reports will be required at the end of years 1 and 2.

[Click here](#) to access the application.

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