The American Board of Medical Specialties invites applications for the 2020–2021 ABMS Visiting Scholars Program

The ABMS Visiting Scholars Program is a one-year, part-time program that positions early career physicians, and others with relevant advanced degrees, as future health care leaders. The program facilitates research in areas relevant to physician assessment, performance and quality improvement, continuing professional development, and initial and continuing board certification.

**ABMS Visiting Scholars Program Benefits**

- Scholars conduct projects that bring real value to their programs and organizations.
- Scholars develop professional relationships with ABMS and its Member Boards, and with leading professional health care organizations.
- Scholars receive an award of $12,500 to support the direct costs of research and travel expenses associated with program participation.
- Scholars’ work is nationally recognized and disseminated.

**Who Should Apply?**

- Early career physicians, junior faculty, fellows, and residents are eligible, as well as individuals holding master or doctorate degrees in public health, health services research, public health policy and administration, or other relevant disciplines.
- Applicants should have a project that is ongoing or ready to begin and an institutional research mentor selected. The project may build on existing research at the applicant's institution and should help advance initial and continuing certification.

**Application Requirements and Process**

- Research project description including research questions, plan, budget, expected outcomes, and timeline
- Personal statement describing applicant’s interests and goals for program participation
- Two letters of support: one from the applicant’s research mentor; and one from the applicant's department chair; associate dean/assistant dean, residency program director, or other supervisor
- Current CV

The application period for 2020–2021 opened in mid-January 2020 and closes July 1 [extended] at 5:00 pm (CT). Notification of acceptance will be made by the end of July and program participation begins in September 2020.

- ABMS Visiting Scholars are selected on the quality of their proposed projects, the likelihood of making substantial progress on the projects during the program, and the projects’ relevance to physician assessment, patient care quality improvement, and performance improvement. Applications developed in collaboration with one or more ABMS Member Boards may receive priority. Please note: student visas are not available.

**Informational Webinar**

- On June 3, attend an informational webinar to learn about the ABMS Visiting Scholars Program and what makes a successful candidate, hear firsthand experiences from recent alumni, and ask questions. To register for the webinar, or for additional information, go to: visitingscholars.abms.org. For questions, contact us at: VisitingScholars@abms.org.