
AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT #1 MID-CAREER RHEUMATOLOGIST STELLAR: SUPPORTING TRAINING EFFORTS IN LUPUS FOR LATIN AMERICAN RHEUMATOLOGISTS

The objective of this award is to provide hands-on experience in clinical research in lupus to mid-career Latin American rheumatologist-academicians whose primary area of interest is lupus by using the LUMINA database and to apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the tenure of the award so that further research about the course and outcome of lupus in the awardee country of origin is pursued.

Eligibility for the Award

The candidate needs to fulfill the following requirements:

1. Be a certified or registered rheumatologist in his/her country of origin or elsewhere
2. Have an academic position in a Latin American University (at the Assistant or Associate Professor level)
3. Be ≤ 45 years of age by December 31, 2006
4. Have access to an established lupus database in his/her country of origin or have an established and dedicated lupus clinic with a minimum number of patient-visits per year (300) at his/her academic institution
5. Have the commitment to continue his/her involvement in lupus research in his/her country of origin
6. Be English proficient and willing to spend eight months conducting lupus research at The University of Alabama at Birmingham (under Dr. Graciela S. Alarcón, M.D., M.P.H.).

Application

The application package will include the following:

1. Curriculum vitae
2. Documentation of access to either a lupus database or a mid-volume dedicated lupus clinic (as noted above)
3. A research project utilizing the LUMINA database which will be executed during his/her training at UAB

4. A detailed lupus research project to be carried out upon his/her return to his/her country
5. Three letters of recommendation; one of them should be from a faculty higher in hierarchy than the candidate and from the same academic institution in which the candidate is a faculty member. The letters of recommendation should be submitted electronically or by fax to UAB (c/o Dr. Graciela S. Alarcón).

The entire application is due at UAB on or before April 28, 2006. Dr. Alarcón's office will distribute the applications to the jurors. The review of the applications will be completed by May 26, 2006, and the awardee will be awarded shortly thereafter. The awardee is expected to commence his/her tenure in October 2006.

Jury

- Chair: Graciela S. Alarcón, M.D.,
M.P.H., UAB, Birmingham, AL
- Members: John D. Reveille, M.D., UTH,
Houston, TX
- Luis M. Vila, M.D., UPR, San Juan, PR
- Luis R. Espinoza, M.D., LSU,
New Orleans, LA
- Luis J. Catoggio, M.D., Hospital
Italiano, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- César O. García, M.D., Guatemala City,
Guatemala

Stipend

The stipend for the trainee will conform to NIH guidelines and will be commensurate with the applicant's years of rheumatology experience. Travel to and from the U.S. will not be covered by the award.

For further inquiries and submission of letters and application

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**AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT #2
RHEUMATOLOGY TRAINEE OR RECENT GRADUATE
STELLAR: SUPPORTING TRAINING EFFORTS IN
LUPUS
FOR LATIN AMERICAN RHEUMATOLOGISTS**

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Eligibility for the Award

The candidate needs to fulfill the following requirements:

1. Have completed his/her clinical rheumatology training in his/her country of origin or elsewhere, or be on his/her senior year of training
2. Be ≤ 35 years of age by December 31, 2006
3. Be committed to establish a lupus database in his/her country of origin
4. Have the commitment to continue his/her involvement in lupus research in his/her country of origin
5. Be English proficient and willing to spend ten months conducting lupus research at The University of Alabama at Birmingham (under Dr. Graciela S. Alarcón, M.D., M.P.H)

Application

The application package will include the following:

1. Curriculum vitae
2. A detailed plan on how to establish a lupus database
3. A research project utilizing the LUMINA database to be executed during his/her training
4. A detailed lupus research project to be carried out upon his/her return to his/her country
5. Three letters of recommendation; one of them should be from the Director of training at the institution where the candidate trained or is training. The letters of recommendation should be submitted electronically, by fax or by regular mail to UAB (c/o Dr. Graciela S. Alarcón).

The entire application is due at UAB on or before April 28, 2006. Dr. Alarcón's office will distribute the

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Jury

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Stipend

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El 7 de noviembre del 2005 la Unidad de Reumatología e Inmunología del Campus Centro Universidad de Chile y Hospital Clínico San Borja-Arriarán (HCSBA) fue acreditada como Centro Formador en Reumatología. Esta acreditación fue otorgada por la Comisión Nacional de Acreditación de Programas y Centros Formadores de Especialistas Médicos y ASOFAMECH.

Dicha Unidad ofrece un cupo anual, y en este momento la Dra. Carola Martínez está haciendo uso de la beca.

La Revista se complace de esta muy buena noticia y felicita a sus gestores, Dr. Daniel Pacheco R., Jefe de la Unidad Docente, y al Dr. Francisco Ballesteros, jefe de la Unidad de Reumatología e Inmunología Campus Centro Universidad de Chile, por este merecido reconocimiento.