



2021 Sleep Medicine Fellow Funding Grant

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SELECTION NOTIFICATION	By April 29, 2022
PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:	1 year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)
AMOUNT OF FUNDING:	Up to \$130,000 of support
LINK TO APPLICATION:	https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_5880?SA=SNA&FID=35097
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The AASM Foundation is committed to achieving its strategic goal of expanding the field of sleep medicine with highly qualified researchers and clinicians, which also aligns with the strategic goal of the AASM to expand the sleep team workforce of the future to improve access to high-quality sleep care. To ensure that there is a healthy pipeline of board-certified sleep medicine physicians that can provide quality care for all patients who have a sleep or circadian disorder, the AASM Foundation has established this Sleep Medicine Fellow Funding Grant program to support the growth of the sleep medicine workforce.

The Sleep Medicine Fellow Funding Grant provides funds to start or maintain a sleep medicine fellowship position in an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited program. The goal of this grant is to provide funds for a one-year

sleep medicine fellowship position, that was included in the National Resident Matching Program sleep medicine fellowship match.

FUNDING INFORMATION

The Sleep Medicine Fellow Funding Grant provides funds for one year and can be up to \$130,000 per grant. This grant provides funding for a sleep medicine fellowship position starting on July 1, 2023 and ending in June 30, 2024.

Note: *Funding for a sleep medicine fellowship position starting on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023 will only be considered under extenuating circumstances. A written request must be provided and approved by the AASM Foundation prior to submission of a full application.*

Any other sources of funding secured for the position (division/department, industry, etc.) should be indicated in the application. The funds can be used for salary support and related expenses (benefits, etc.). The grant is a contract between the AASM Foundation and the grantee's organization, and funds must be used for the intended purpose.

ELIGIBILITY

The following eligibility criteria must be met:

- The application must be submitted by a sleep medicine Program Director from an ACGME-accredited sleep medicine fellowship program that is in good standing.
 - If the sleep medicine fellowship program has citations, they must be disclosed in the application along with ACGME documentation of continued accreditation despite the citation(s). A plan for how the program is addressing the citation/s will also be required.
- The application must be for a sleep medicine fellowship position starting on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024 that is one of the following:
 - Is at risk of losing funding
 - Previously lost funding
 - Has never been funded
 - Is a new position in the established sleep medicine fellowship program

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- Organizations may apply for funding during each application cycle; however, there is no guarantee of continued funding, and funding will generally not be provided for more than 2 consecutive years.

- Sponsoring organizations and fellowship programs may only hold one active AASM Foundation Sleep Medicine Fellow Funding grant at a time.

INELIGIBILITY

- Sleep medicine fellowship position/s being closed due to citation issues will not be funded. Programs losing a fellowship position due to lack of funding that also have significant citations are not eligible to apply.

GRANT REVIEW CRITERIA AND PROCESS

A grant committee, appointed by the AASM Foundation Executive Committee, will evaluate and score all submitted applications. Factors that will be taken into consideration include:

- 1. Funding:** If applicable, description of past funding mechanisms for the sleep medicine fellowship position and avenues being pursued for current funding in addition to the Sleep Medicine Fellow Funding Grant. If the sleep medicine fellowship position has never been funded, a description of any other avenues pursued for funding the position.
- 2. Sleep Medicine Fellowship Program Profile:** Description of (1) training received by sleep medicine fellows, (2) unique opportunities of the fellowship program, (3) strategies used to prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion in the fellowship program and (4) how the program prepares fellows to have successful and productive sleep medicine careers.
- 3. Accreditation Status:** Provide most recent ACGME-accreditation letter, including citations. If applicable, please note how citations are being addressed.
- 4. Budget:** Current budget for funding from grant is well-justified and, if applicable, there is written confirmation that any additional funds to partially fund the sleep medicine fellowship position have been secured.

PAYMENT INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE

Since this grant is intended to fully support a sleep medicine fellowship position, if additional external funds are received (e.g., VA, industry) to **fully** fund the sleep medicine fellowship position, the program director must notify the AASM Foundation, and the following would apply:

- If external funds are received between submission of the application and notification of grant, the application must be voluntarily withdrawn from further consideration.
- If external funds are received prior to distribution of AASM Foundation funds, AASM Foundation funds would not be released, and the grant would be closed out with the AASM Foundation.

- If external funds are received after distribution of AASM Foundation funds, the remaining AASM Foundation funds should be returned, and the grant would be closed out with the AASM Foundation once the funds are received back.

Additionally, if additional external funds that are not identified in the application are received (e.g., VA, industry) to further **partially** fund the sleep medicine fellowship position, the program director must notify the AASM Foundation and submit updated budget and budget justification documents indicating the amount of funds the program would need to retain to ensure full funding of the sleep medicine fellowship position.

Payment #1 – Upon execution of contract	100%
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DELIVERABLES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The AASM Foundation intends the Sleep Medicine Fellow Funding Grant to aid sleep medicine fellowship programs by providing funds for a fellowship position that is at risk of losing funding, previously lost funding, has never been funded or is an expansion of an established sleep medicine fellowship program.

The expected results from receiving funding and deliverables should be clearly stated in the application. The program director must submit progress and final reports during the project period, describing activities and results, as outlined below. Failure to meet the deliverables or submit progress or final reports may result in the grant recipient organization being ineligible for any future funding from the AASM Foundation until the report(s) are submitted and approved.

REPORTING SCHEDULE

Progress Reports	Every six months
Final Report	Within 90 days of grant completion

Upon execution of the contract, the program director must submit a progress report at six months and final report within 90 days of grant completion, both to include a financial report.

Outcomes evaluation is an essential component of this grant. The reports must be in a format specified by the AASM Foundation and include an accounting of how grant funds were spent during the reporting period and an update on how funding may be secured for the fellowship position the following training year.

APPLICATION

Step 1: AASM Foundation Grant Request registration

To apply for this grant, you must register on [AASM Foundation Grant Request](#). Please refer to the [AASM Foundation Grant Request User Access Guide](#) for guidance on setting-up an account. For an overview of the information that is requested on the application form, please view the [2021 Sleep Medicine Fellow Funding Grant Application Outline](#).

Step 2: Complete application

[ACCESS THE 2021 SLEEP MEDICINE FELLOW FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION](#)

Full applications must be completed and submitted through [AASM Foundation Grant Request](#). Instructions for required forms are available via the online submission system. The Application Checklist below shows required attachments to be uploaded.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Form	Page/Word Limit
<input type="checkbox"/> Face Page A. Program director B. Sponsoring organization C. Program	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Medicine Fellowship Program Profile A. Overview of the program and training B. Unique opportunities C. Prioritization of diversity, equity and inclusion D. Outcomes	2 pages
<input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Need A. Previous funding (if applicable) B. Other avenues pursued for funding C. Expected results from grant and plan for securing future funding	2 pages
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget and Budget Justification A. Budget B. Budget justification	B. 2 pages

<input type="checkbox"/> Letters of Support A. Division chief and/or department chair B. Organization(s) providing matching funds (if applicable)	1 page per letter
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GRANT QUESTIONS

We encourage potential applicants to contact us early in the application process with questions. Eligibility questions may need to be reviewed by a member of the AASM Foundation Executive Committee, so please allow for at least a 1-week response time for eligibility questions. For all other inquiries, please allow a minimum of two business days for a response. Please note that questions received within 48 hours of an application deadline may not be answered before the deadline.