Request for Proposal: Visiting Osler Scholar

Description of Grant:

The John P. McGovern Academy of Oslerian Medicine (the Academy) invites clinical departments at UTMB to submit requests for financial support to provide for an outstanding clinician teacher to spend a 5-day work week on campus as a Visiting Osler Scholar (VOS) in the department to which the grant is awarded. The person selected as the VOS would be expected to participate in the clinical teaching activities of the department: examples include making ward rounds and attending clinics with students and house staff (within the limitations of state medical licensure), leading small group conferences with trainees, and other clinical activities particular to the host department. The schedule should include an opportunity for the VOS and a representative from the host department to meet with the Osler Scholars for an informal discussion regarding teaching clinical medicine. Proposals that include participation by the VOS with another department or group focused on teaching would be welcome.

Criteria for the Visiting Osler Scholar:

The candidate must be a physician and an active faculty or staff member at another academic medical center. He or she must be an accomplished clinician and a recognized physician teacher at the bedside, in the clinic, or in other clinical settings. This visitor’s excellence as a clinical educator should be reflected in the receipt of teaching awards and acknowledgement by students, house staff, and colleagues.

The proposal should be submitted as hard copy with a cover letter written by the chairperson of the host department, approving the grant request, the VOS candidate, and the planned activities and schedule. Also, the letter should identify a member of the faculty in the host department, not necessarily the departmental chair, who will be the contact person with the McGovern Academy of Oslerian Medicine.

The proposal requesting this grant should include the candidate’s Curriculum Vitae (CV), at least two (2) letters of recommendation from colleagues who are well acquainted with the candidate’s clinical and teaching skills, and the host department’s plan, containing a statement of expectations and scheduled activities for the VOS. Additional letters of recommendation from medical students and house staff are also welcome.

Although the candidate’s academic credentials must be submitted, the Academy is not seeking someone with the longest or most outstanding CV. Neither is the candidate expected to have highly specialized knowledge in medical esoterica or an established record as a researcher in medical education. Instead, the candidate should be recognized by medical students, house staff, and colleagues as a highly stimulating and skillful clinical teacher. The candidate should be someone whose teaching is most effective when presented in small groups.

The cover letter from the departmental chair, the grant proposal, and other related documents should be sent together to Ms. Rosemary Lindley, Program Manager, John P. McGovern Academy of Oslerian Medicine, Route 0162, UTMB.
Financial Terms of the Grant:

At the conclusion of the visit to UTMB, a $5,000 honorarium will be given the VOS. The host department will receive up to $5,000 to cover travel and other associated expenses. A list of the departmental expenses should be accompanied by a 1- or 2-page report describing the effectiveness of the VOS as a clinical teacher along with a critique of the advantages and disadvantages of having an off-campus VOS.

Note: The Academy has budgeted funds for only one VOS. Depending on the success of this VOS and the availability of future funding, additional opportunities for others may be offered later.

Schedule:

October 1, 2007  Letter sent to all departmental chairs requesting proposals.

November 30, 2007  Deadline (5:00 PM) for submission of RFPs.

January 2008  Early in 2008, the host department and the name of the VOS will be announced.

The visit to UTMB should be scheduled during the 2008 calendar year.

Selection Process:

The VOS will be selected by the Scholars in the John P. McGovern Academy of Oslerian Medicine

Eligibility:

The clinical departments in the UTMB School of Medicine eligible to submit proposals include Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences, Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, Otolaryngology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Radiation Oncology, Radiology, and Surgery.