

Congratulations to the New MS1 WMS Officers

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AMSA White Coat Embroidery

This fall, AMSA is offering a white coat name embroidery service as a fundraiser. We are partnering with the same Durham embroidery company that embroidered the UNC-SOM logos on our white coats, to stitch student names in the same Carolina blue thread.

Embroidery details:

Max. length 28 characters, including spaces and punctuation
Baskerville font

Carolina blue thread matching UNC-SOM logo

Names will fall below the logo and above the left breast pocket

We will be collecting coats during the week of Nov. 9-13 (campus location TBA). They will be available for pickup starting Monday morning, Nov. 30, on campus.

Sign up by November 9 and fill out the application at

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dHNOaF9ROGVKdGg2X2FIWkhaVXo4bkE6MA>

\$10/coat for AMSA members (dues paid)

\$14/coat for all other students

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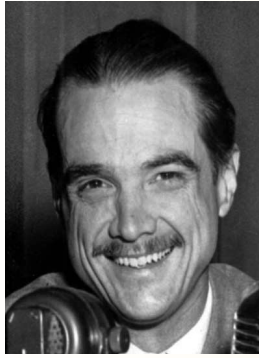
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HOWARD HUGHES
MEDICAL INSTITUTE

HHMI-NIH Research Scholars Program

The HHMI-NIH Research Scholars Program, also known as the Cloister Program, was established in 1985 to give outstanding students at U.S. medical schools the opportunity to receive research training at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Students in good standing at U.S. medical, dental, and veterinary schools are eligible to apply to the program. Research Scholars spend nine months to a year on the NIH campus, conducting basic, translational or applied biomedical research under the direct mentorship of senior NIH research scientists.

More info and applications can be found [here](#)

Applications due **January 10, 2010**

HHMI Medical Fellows Program

The Medical Fellows Program supports a year of full-time biomedical research training for medical students.

Applicants must be enrolled in a U.S. medical, dental, or veterinary school and the fellowship research may be conducted at any academic or nonprofit institution in the United States, except the National Institutes of Health.

An annual stipend of \$27,000, an annual fellow's allowance of \$5,500, and an annual research allowance of \$5,500.

More information and applications can be found [here](#)

Applications due **January 11, 2010.**

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John B. Graham Medical Student Research Day

The John B. Graham Medical Student Research Society is currently accepting abstracts of your research project(s) to be presented at the 42nd Annual Student Research Day on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is December 1st, 2009. To submit your abstract, please go to <http://www.med.unc.edu/jbg/research-day/webform/> and complete the online submission form.

Q-What type of research is eligible?

A-Any original research with medical relevance. (Note: Clinical research and small community studies undertaken with ICM projects can be appropriate)

Q-Must the research be done at UNC?

A-No.

Q-Can the research be done before a student began medical school?

A-Yes.

Q-Can the research have been previously published/presented elsewhere?

A-Yes.

Q-What size poster can I have?

A-The boards will be 40X60 inches.

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Financial Aid Updates

It's time to review your finances!! Do you have funds leftover and maybe won't need to borrow as much for next semester? Or maybe you have some *non-educational expenses (ex. medical/dental expenses not covered by your insurance, bought new tires or a battery) that can be added to your cost of education this semester? If so, the Financial Aid Office can help.

If you'd like to reduce some of your loans for spring, please contact the Financial Aid Office in writing at somfinaid@listserv.med.unc.edu with the type of loan (subsidized/unsubsidized) you're reducing and how much you'd like to reduce the loan to, by **November 9th**.

If you have some unexpected expenses and would like to have them included in your financial aid packet, please submit receipts to the Financial Aid Office, 1001 Bondurant Hall, by **November 9th**. **All expenses must be approved by the Financial Aid Office before they can be added to your cost of education.**

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***Understanding how non-educational expenses can be added to your**

Financial Aid Updates cont.

There are additional expenses that can be added to your cost of education that's done on an individual basis. These expenses must be documented with receipts. Be aware that the additional aid is usually in the form of loans. Request for additional aid with receipts can be submitted at anytime; however, the Financial Aid Office processes these requests twice a year, Fall - November and Spring - March.

If you're unable to pay for these expenses upfront, you may request to complete an Emergency Loan application in the Financial Aid Office. This is approved with an estimate of the expense attached. The emergency loan check will be written directly to you and will be available for pick up in the Financial Aid Office. These funds will be used to pay for the actual cost of the expense. Once you have the actual receipt, you'll bring it to the Financial Aid Office to include in your cost of education. Emergency loans are disbursed at a zero percent interest rate with a promise to pay when the expense has been added to your cost of education. After funds have been added to your cost of education, the money will be disbursed to your Cashier account. You will need to come to the Financial Aid Office to repay your emergency loan with cash or personal check after you've gotten your money from the Cashier's Office. *The Cashier's Office will not automatically deduct the emergency loan from your account.*

Items include:

Child Care - full cost if single parent. Partial cost if married, spouse expected to pay half.

Auto repairs - Consider things that keep your car in good running condition (ie, tires, a battery. Additional aid can not be awarded to purchase a car. Nor can it be awarded for car payments, buying, renting or leasing. Annual inspections, oil changes and body work can not be added to your cost of education.

Commuting expenses - If you travel more than 30 miles outside of the Raleigh/Durham area one way per day, the University per cent per mile can be added. You'll need to provide proof of address to have this expense added to your cost of education.

Extraordinary medical/dental expenses - Expenses incurred by you if not covered by insurance. Generally up to \$500 can be added at the discretion of the Financial Aid Officer, more with a review by the aid committee.

Approved Extracurricular Cost - Expenses such as research and study abroad completed outside of the state or country.

If you have questions, please contact your Financial Aid Review Board (FARB) representative, your WMS Finance Officers or the Financial Aid Office.

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Joan F. Giambalvo Memorial Research Scholarship

The American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation in association with the AMA Women Physicians Congress (WPC) has established the Joan F. Giambalvo Memorial Scholarship Fund with the goal of advancing the progress of women in the medical profession and strengthening the ability of the AMA to identify and address the needs of women physicians and medical students. In 2010 one \$10,000 research scholarship will be awarded to a medical student, health professional, or graduate student to study the issues generated by and affecting women in medicine.

More information and applications can be found [here](#).

Applications are due **February 15, 2010**.

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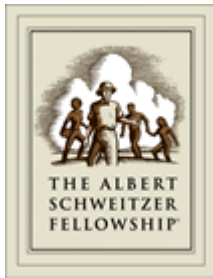
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Albert Schweitzer Fellowship

The U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Programs provides \$3000 community service fellowships for graduate students in health-related professional fields who are dedicated to addressing unmet health needs in their local areas.

The U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Program has four overall goals:

- Provide direct services that address health-related needs of underserved communities;
- Influence the professional development of students in health-related fields in ways that strengthen their commitment to, and skills in, public service;
- Alter the culture of professional schools so they more effectively address needs of surrounding disadvantaged communities;
- Support program alumni who continue in lifelong community service and who, as Schweitzer Fellows for Life, are influential role models for other professionals.

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More information and applications [here](#).

Deadline is **February 1, 2010**

Upcoming Deadlines

Scott Neil Schwirch Fellowships: Dec. 11, 2009

Lawrence Zollicoffer Community Health Fellowships: Jan. 9, 2010

If any of you wonderful readers out there would like to include anything in the newsletter feel free to send me an email at richard_meredith@med.unc.edu

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