



# 2012 Medical Student Service Leadership Project Award

**Alpha Omega Alpha** is committed to preparing future leaders in medicine and health care. Leadership is about making a positive difference. Leadership is learned through education, observation, and experience, and working with leader mentors. Service learning may develop an excellent opportunity for students to develop as servant leaders. The most effective leaders are well grounded in and committed to positive professional values.

**Purpose:** To support leadership development for medical students through mentoring, observation, and service learning

**Amount of Award:** \$5000 for the first year, \$3000 for the second year, \$1000 for the third year

## **Eligibility:**

- A team of students at a school with an AQA chapter. AQA members serving as team leaders will be given priority.
- Proposals with matching institutional or dean's funds will be given priority.
- Only one proposal may be submitted for each institution for each three years of funding. Applications must be for new projects with the potential to generate future support from the medical school or other sources, not supplemental funding for existing programs. A new component of an existing program may be eligible.

## **Requirements:**

- AQA faculty mentor(s) and team of students with designated leaders
- Regular team meetings with the mentor related to leadership, service, and reflection
- A service learning project for an underserved population, e.g., the indigent, immigrants, homeless, etc., or a service project related to professionalism in the school, hospital, or clinics
- A description about how the program, mentor, and service learning experience will teach leadership
- Submission of an annual progress report for each year and a final report to the AQA national office upon completion of the third year.

## **Dates for application:**

- 12/31/2011 Application to the AQA councilor
- 1/31/2012 Application from the AQA councilor to the AQA national office
- 2/28/2012 AQA national office announces awards
- 2/28/2013 Project completion and progress report to the national office

## **Application to the councilor:**

The councilor and his or her selection committee will choose the proposal judged to be the most promising and with a high probability of first year completion during the subsequent year:

- A three-page description of the project with the budget written by the applicant. Details of the role of the students in project preparation and execution must be provided.
- Description of the team and team leaders and leadership components
- Description of the role of the faculty mentor(s)/advisor(s) and leadership curriculum for the students
- A letter of support from the faculty mentor that indicates his or her commitment of time and interest to the project and student
- Faculty mentor biosketch (3-4 paragraphs)
- Completed application form with checklists (attached)

## **Application to the national office:**

The proposal selected by the councilor's selection committee must be sent to the national office, and must include, in addition to the items included in the submission to the councilor:

- A letter of endorsement from the AQA councilor
- A dean's endorsement that should comment on the student's achievements and potential and the suitability of the faculty sponsor for mentoring.
- Optional: Commitment of matching funds by the dean or school.

**More information:** Contact Judy Yee at 650 329-0291 or [judy@alphaomegaalpha.org](mailto:judy@alphaomegaalpha.org).

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| Team Leader<br>Mr/Ms/Mrs:                    |  | First name |  | Last name             |  |
| Address:                                     |  |            |  |                       |  |
| Telephone                                    |  |            |  |                       |  |
| Team Leader E-mail:                          |  |            |  | Year of<br>graduation |  |
| Other team members<br>E-mails:               |  |            |  |                       |  |
| Title of your project:                       |  |            |  |                       |  |
| School:                                      |  |            |  |                       |  |
| Councilor name(s):                           |  |            |  |                       |  |
| Mentor name(s):                              |  |            |  |                       |  |
| Dean's name:                                 |  |            |  |                       |  |
| <b>Permanent</b> address<br>(e.g., parents): |  |            |  |                       |  |
| <b>Permanent</b> phone:                      |  |            |  |                       |  |

### CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION TO AQA COUNCILOR (by December 31, 2011):

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|  | Three-page summary of proposal with budget in 12-point type or larger, 1-inch margins, pages numbered                              |
|  | Description of team and team leaders   |
|  | Description of the role of the faculty mentor(s)/advisor(s) and leadership curriculum for the students                             |
|  | Letter(s) of support from faculty mentor(s), indicating anticipated degree of involvement and plans for supervision of the project |
|  | Mentor biographical sketch(es) – 3-4 paragraphs (not CVs)  |
|  | Completed checklist  |

### CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL OFFICE (by January 31, 2012)

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|  | Letter of endorsement from AQA councilor   |
|  | Letter of endorsement from the dean, including comments about suitability of faculty mentor(s) |
|  | Optional: Commitment of matching funds by the dean or school                                   |

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