



Professionalism Project 2010

Description: Applications are encouraged for grants of \$20,000 to initiate a program that encourages teaching faculty to create appropriate learning environments for professionalism, or a new project designed to ingrain professionalism in medical students and resident physicians. Up to three grants will be awarded.

Applicants must have demonstrated evidence of a personal interest in teaching or research in aspects of professionalism. Proposals that can be exported from one medical center to others after development and proof of effectiveness are particularly encouraged, as are those that are not extensions of existing research or current projects. Plans for assuring sustainability of the project, if successful, should be included in the text of the proposal. The proposed projects must be completed within eighteen (18) months of the award of funding that will begin on July 1, 2010 (earliest) up to September 30, 2010 (latest). Applications will be reviewed by academic faculty with substantial interests in research and teaching in professionalism.

Eligibility: Faculty of all ranks at medical schools that have an active chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha are eligible to compete. Faculty in associated schools (e.g., Nursing, Law, Business schools) are eligible, and projects with collaborative faculty among two or more schools in the same or different institutions are encouraged.

Application Process:

A complete application must include the following components:

1. A two to three page proposal that includes specific aims, background, methodology, plans for evaluation of results, and implications for future use of the data. References should be limited to ten or fewer of those most relevant.
2. Budget. No indirect costs will be paid by Alpha Omega Alpha. Applicants may apply to other institutional or outside entities for supplemental funds.
3. Curriculum vita(ae) of the principal investigator and all collaborators.
4. A letter of nomination from the cognizant dean commenting upon the applicant's experience(s) in the field and upon her or his commitment to enhancement of professionalism among faculty, medical students, and trainees.
5. Although not required, one or two letters from individuals who have been or will be deeply involved in the applicant's work in professionalism may be included.

Application Deadline

Submit five copies of each complete application **before April 1, 2010** to:

*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
525 Middlefield Road, suite 130
Menlo Park, CA 94025*

Awardees will be notified before June 15, 2010. A full report of the project implementation and results must be delivered to the AQA national office within 20 months after the initiation of funding.