



INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION FOR AARI VISITING SCHOLAR'S PROGRAM

American Association of Radiologists of Indian Origin (AARI) Visiting Scholar's Program

Introduction:

1. The intent of this program is to enhance the educational opportunity of Indian radiologists to learn advanced imaging techniques in the US.
2. The program will permit the individual to pursue a specific research project and/or focused educational program in an area of advanced imaging that is unavailable in India.
3. This program will be pursued under the guidance of a "mentor" at a US institution.
4. The program will provide a \$500.00/month stipend over a six (6) month period that will help defray the living costs during the individual's stay in the US.
5. The applicant will be expected to return to India after completion of the six (6) month program.

Eligibility:

1. Radiologists of Indian origin that trained in India and currently reside in India.
2. Preference will be given to individuals who have completed a radiology residency in India.
3. Only radiologists who intend on returning to India after completion of the scholarship will be eligible.
4. Preference will be given to those Individual's that have not passed USMLE
5. Individuals that will receive any other funding during their stay are **NOT** eligible.
6. Individuals that will participate in a paid clinical fellowship during their stay are **NOT** eligible.

Application Process:

1. The completed application will consist of the following:
 - Current curriculum vitae
 - A personnel statement explaining the area of special research or clinical training the applicant wishes to pursue and how this would benefit their career upon their return to India.
 - Letter of recommendation from the Chairman of the department of the applicant's current institution in India which must include a review of the qualifications of the individual and a summary of how this program will benefit the applicant.
 - Letter of recommendation from the Chairman of the radiology department in India where the applicant completed their residency.
 - **A letter from the mentor in the US with whom the applicant will be working that summarizes a specific research project or outlines an area of special interest that will be pursued by the applicant.**
2. Three (3) copies of the completed application can be sent to Vikram Dogra, MD, Professor of Radiology, University of Rochester School of Medicine, Department of Imaging Sciences, 601 Elmwood Ave, Box 648, Rochester, NY 14642. You may also send your application by e-mail or contact Dr. Dogra at Vikram_Dogra@URMC.Rochester.edu.

Deadline:

The completed application must be received by August 1st.

Announcement of Recipient:

1. Announcement of the recipient will be made to all applicants.
2. The name of the recipient will be published in the AARI newsletter and will be posted on the AARI and AAPI websites.
3. The recipient will be bestowed the title of “AARI Visiting Scholar” for the calendar year in which the award was given.

Requirements:

1. The applicant will be expected to return to India following the completion of the program. **Failure to do so will jeopardize all future applications from the individual’s current or previous training institution.**
2. Following completion of the program, the recipient will be required to write a summary as to how this program aided their career.
3. Any publications generated by the recipient from work that was performed during the scholarship should specifically state that the paper was supported in part by the American Association of Radiologists of Indian Origin (AARI) Visiting Scholar’s Program

FAQ:

1. There is no application fee.
2. All visa processing will be handled between the recipient and the mentor. AARI will not be directly involved in attaining the visa for the applicant.
3. The specific type of visa will be based on the requirements of the recipient and mentor’s home institutions.
4. AARI will not be responsible administrative costs associated with acquiring the recipient’s visa.
5. The stipend will be sent to the applicant on a monthly basis and not as a one-time payment.
6. The applicant will begin to receive the stipend shortly after initiation of the program.