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The American Association of Neuropathologists R13 Conference Grant Renewal Funded by the National Institute on Aging

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Littleton, CO – The American Association of Neuropathologists (AANP) today announced that it has been awarded a renewal of the R13 Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings grant through the National Institute on Aging (NIA) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) under award number R13AG059336. The project title is “AANP Scholars’ Workshop on Neurodegenerative Disease Neuropathology Research” and will serve to directly support the educational mission of the AANP.

Specifically, this NIA-NIH grant will provide funding for a career development workshop held annually from 2023 to 2027. The grant supports up to 25 AANP Scholars to attend the career development workshop which will be held annually in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the AANP and is led by Drs. Edward Lee, Julia Kofler and Annie Hiniker. Selected AANP Scholars will attend two workshops over consecutive years. The grant also provides for AANP Trainee Travel Awards, AANP Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Trainee Travel Awards, financial support for dependent care services at the AANP Annual Meeting and an award for the Best Neurodegenerative Disease Case presented at the Annual Meeting’s Diagnostic Slide Session.

“There is a pressing need to provide support and education for neuropathology trainees so that they can launch into successful research careers, and so we are extremely pleased that the NIH is supporting this career development workshop,” said Vice President Elect, Edward Lee, MD, PhD. “At the beginning of one’s career, it can be extremely daunting to face the ins and outs of academia, and there are few resources available for trainees as they transition towards independence. Neuropathology is a solid foundation upon which you can build a successful career, and this workshop provides the resources and education to ensure that neuropathology research will continue to thrive.”

The purpose of the R13 grant through the NIA is to support the ADRD and aging components of conferences and scientific meetings to better disseminate the latest developments related to pathologic heterogeneity in dementia and aging. Specific to the AANP, this grant will 1) Establish targeted cohorts of neuropathology trainees dedicated to pursuing a career in neurodegenerative disease research; 2) Conduct an annual workshop to promote the

dissemination of neurodegenerative disease neuropathology research and promote the transition of neuropathology trainees into academic research careers; and 3) Monitor outcomes of the selected cohort to determine the success of this longitudinal intervention.

“We are once again honored to receive the R13 grant support from the National Institute on Aging,” said current AANP President Eric Huang, MD, PhD. “This award enables AANP to establish a mechanism to cultivate many talented trainees and prepare them to become the next generation of leaders in neurodegenerative disease research.”

Trainees interested in applying to be an AANP Scholar and participate in two consecutive years of the pre-conference workshop should complete the attached application and submit it via e-mail to Sarah Porter at sporter@aoeconsulting.com by **Friday, December 2**.

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