

# AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program

We are pleased to present the AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program. There is a recognized need for academic neurodegenerative disease neuropathologists. The National Institutes of Aging has funded this program to enhance the career development of neuropathology trainees to increase the numbers of academic neurodegenerative disease neuropathologists. The AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program will run from 2020 to 2022 and has multiple components. The major component is an annual career development workshop to be held for three consecutive years on the Wednesday prior to the annual AANP meeting (June 10, 2020 in Monterey, CA; June 9, 2021 in St. Louis, MO; and June 8, 2022 in Bonita Springs, FL). This workshop will cover (1) the expectations and barriers to an academic neuropathology career, (2) funding and grantsmanship, and (3) strategies for building a successful research career. A second component of the AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program is a tailored mentoring program where AANP Scholars will be paired with a senior AANP member as a mentoring resource.

*Scholars who commit to the AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program will receive the following benefits:*

- Designation as an AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholar
- Annual AANP Scholars Career Development Workshop
- Personalized mentoring from senior AANP members
- Funds to offset travel/hotel expenses to attend the annual AANP Scholars Career Development Workshop and the AANP Annual Meeting (\$1,000 annually)
- Waived registration fees to the AANP Annual Meeting (valued at \$525 annually)

*AANP Scholars are required to commit to the following:*

- Attendance at *all three* AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Workshops (Wednesday prior to the AANP Annual Meeting)
- Active participation at the annual AANP Scholars workshop
- Completion of surveys (evaluation of the AANP Scholars Program)
- Participation in the AANP Scholars Mentoring Program
- Ensure active, Junior membership with the AANP

The AANP Scholars Program is currently limited to 20 participants. AANP Scholars will be chosen to represent a diverse group of trainees with interests in neurodegenerative disease neuropathology academic research. Applicants will be evaluated based on a demonstrated interest in neurodegenerative disease neuropathology, promise for an academic career, and suitability for the workshop. Trainees from institutions that are not currently part of the NIH-funded Alzheimer's Disease Center network are encouraged to apply. Neurodegenerative disease pathology is defined in very broad terms and is not limited to the study of specific diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, etc. Similarly, a broad range of research interests will be supported including clinical (clinicopathologic), translational and basic approaches.

Individuals who have already established themselves at an academic institution are not eligible for the AANP Program (i.e. Assistant Professor or above) with exceptions only for temporary junior faculty appointments (i.e. Instructor or similar) which will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Individuals who have already obtained a career development award (K grant or similar) from either the NIH or a foundation are generally not eligible. Prior appointment to a training grant is acceptable.

Applicants who identify as female, an underrepresented minority, or a person with disability are especially encouraged to apply.

Sincerely,

Edward B. Lee, M.D., Ph.D. & Julia Kofler, M.D.  
AANP Scholars Program, Co-Directors

# Application for the AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institutional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Post graduate year: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position [Resident, NP Fellow, Postdoc, Instructor, Other]: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>I identify as:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Male</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Female</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to disclose</p>	<p>I identify as:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asian</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to disclose</p>
<p>I commit to (please review and check each box):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attending the AANP Scholars Neurodegenerative Disease Workshop every year from 2020 to 2022, held the Wednesday prior to the annual AANP meeting.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Being an active participant in the AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Workshop</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completing periodic surveys to evaluate the AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Participating in the AANP Scholars Mentoring Program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining active, Junior membership with the AANP</p>	

1. Attach your curriculum vitae (no page limit).
2. Attach a one page description of your career goals and what you hope to gain from attending the three year career development workshop. Document margins should be at least 0.5 inches and font should be Arial 10pt. If you are resident, include whether you are committed to pursuing neuropathology fellowship training.
3. Attach up to two letters of recommendation. At least one letter of recommendation is required and should be obtained from either (1) your current residency director, (2) your current neuropathology fellowship director, or (3) your prior neuropathology fellowship director if you have already finished your neuropathology fellowship. The letter of recommendation must include an explicit statement that your attendance to the workshop is permitted.
4. Email the fully compiled application as a single PDF file to [sporter@aoeconsulting.com](mailto:sporter@aoeconsulting.com)

By signing below, I certify that all the materials I am submitting with this application for the 2020-2022 AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed)

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Date