

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NEUROPATHOLOGISTS

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 “A Longitudinal Workshop to Promote 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 20 AANP Scholars to attend a new, three-year trainee career development workshop. Dr. Edward Lee and Dr. Julia Kofler will be the Co-Directors of the workshop. The grant will also provide 10 AANP Trainee Travel Awards, 10 AANP Women and Diversity Trainee Travel Awards, financial support for childcare services at the AANP Annual Meeting and an award for the *Best Neurodegenerative Disease Case* presented at the Annual Meeting’s *Diagnostic Slide Session*.

“We are once again extremely pleased to be recipients of an R13 grant,” said Assistant Secretary Treasurer/Chair of the Education Committee, Edward Lee, MD, PhD. “The National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease calls for the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ADRD) by 2025. An independent panel commissioned by the NIH called for ‘increase[d] incentivization for development of additional neuropathologists.’ This grant directly aims meet that charge by increasing the number of research-oriented, neurodegenerative disease neuropathologists through implementation of a three-year longitudinal workshop in the form of a pre-conference workshop for trainees interested in a neurodegenerative disease research career.”

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 a targeted cohort 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; 3) Initiate and maintain a formal mentoring network to monitor and promote the success of each individual trainee; and 4) Monitor outcomes of the selected cohort to determine the success rate of this longitudinal intervention.

“We are honored to be R13 grant recipients,” said current AANP President Dan Brat, MD, PhD. “Thank you to everyone who dedicated time and focus in developing our proposal and thank you to the National Institute on Aging for their support.”

Trainees interested in applying to be an AANP Scholar and participate in the three-year pre-conference workshop should complete the attached application and submit it via e-mail to Sarah Porter at sporter@aoeconsulting.com by **Friday, November 1**.

* Research shared as part of the AANP’s annual meeting is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the NIH.

About the American Association of Neuropathologists

The American Association of Neuropathologists (AANP) is the sole professional member association in the U.S. focused exclusively on the needs and education of practicing neuropathologists. The 800-member organization is composed of both practicing diagnostic pathologists and investigative scientists, including trainees. The American Association of Neuropathologists, Inc., is a professional society of neuropathologists, composed of physicians and scientists involved in research, training, and the clinical practice of neuropathology. The association and its members serve to advance the study of diseases that affect the nervous system, and to minimize suffering through discovery, education, and the delivery of patient-centered clinical care. The AANP’s annual meeting is the cornerstone of its educational offerings; the meeting provides opportunities for both basic scientists and practicing physicians to intellectually engage one another so that state-of-the-art scientific advances may be translated into more effective hospital and community practice.