Medical Student Service Leadership

Winners of the 2012 Medical Student Service Leadership Project Award

2011 Medical Student Service Projects

2013 Medical Student Service Leadership Project Award

Alpha Omega Alpha is committed to preparing future leaders in medicine and health care. Leadership is about making a positive difference. Leadership is learned through education, observation, and experience, and working with leader mentors. Service learning may develop an excellent opportunity for students to develop as servant leaders. The most effective leaders are well grounded in and committed to positive professional values.

Purpose
To support leadership development for medical students through mentoring, observation, and service learning.

Amount of Award
$5000 for the first year, $3000 for the second year, $1000 for the third year

Eligibility
- A team of students at a school with an AΩA chapter. AΩA members serving as team leaders will be given priority.
- Proposals with matching institutional or dean's funds will be given priority.
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Requirements
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Dates for application

http://alphaomegaalpha.org/student_service_leadership.html
Application to the councilor

The councilor and his or her selection committee will choose the proposal judged to be the most promising and with a high probability of first year completion during the subsequent year:

- A three-page description of the project with a detailed budget written by the applicant. Details of the role of the students in project preparation and execution must be provided.
- Description of the team and team leaders and leadership components
- Description of AOA chapter role in project, if applicable
- Description of the role of the faculty mentor(s)/advisor(s) and leadership curriculum for the students
- A letter of support from the faculty mentor that indicates his or her commitment of time and interest to the project, the student, and leadership development
- Faculty mentor biosketch (3-4 paragraphs)
- Completed application form with checklist (Download the announcement and checklist)

Application to the national office

The proposal selected by the councilor's selection committee must be sent to the national office, and must include, in addition to the items included in the submission to the councilor:

- A letter of endorsement from the AOA councilor
- A dean's endorsement that should comment on the student's achievements and potential and the suitability of the faculty sponsor for mentoring.
- Optional: Commitment of matching funds by the dean or school. (Enhances competitiveness of proposal.)

Two hard copies must arrive at the national office no later than January 31, 2013. E-mail submissions will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

Other important information

The award will be paid to the sponsoring institution. Complete payee information will be required when the application is approved.

Download the announcement and checklist (Word document)

More information

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