ISC Pre-Con Symposium III:
Health Equity & Actionable Disparities in Stroke: Understanding & Problem-solving (HEADS-UP)

Travel Awards for Early Stage Investigators

In partnership with the American Stroke Association and National Institutes for Neurological Disorders and Stroke, ISC 2020 will provide Travel Awards for Early Stage Investigators (ESIs) to encourage and support their efforts in the field of stroke disparities research. These travel funds will permit selected ESIs to attend the inaugural HEADS-UP Symposium on February 18, 2020. HEADS-UP is a multidisciplinary scientific forum focused on race-ethnic disparities in cerebrovascular disease, with the overarching goal of reducing disparities in stroke and accelerating translation of research findings to improve outcomes for race-ethnic minorities who reside in the US. ESIs will receive travel stipends to attend the symposium, learn about the state-of-the-science on determinants of racial stroke disparities from renowned experts, present their disparities research work at a dedicated poster session, and participate in career development sessions. The travel award will also allow awardees to attend the ISC 2020 conference.

Criteria
• Be a member of the American Heart Association (membership number required to complete award application).
• Be working in any area of race-ethnic stroke disparities research.
• Be in training as an Undergraduate, Doctoral Student, Resident or Fellow, Post-doctoral Scholar, or an individual within the first 3 years of their first faculty appointment.
• Be willing and able to present a poster on any area of race-ethnic stroke disparities research at HEADS-UP 2020
• Applicant’s mentor must endorse the application in a supporting statement. The supporting statement from the mentor should describe:
  o why this candidate should receive a HEADS-UP 2020 ESI travel award
  o the applicant’s role in designing, executing, and analyzing the research in the submitted abstract
• There are no citizenship requirements.
• We welcome applicants with the aforementioned research/career interests from all professional and scientific disciplines to apply
• We encourage individuals of under-represented race-ethnicity in medicine to apply (i.e. Black/African American, Hispanic, Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander, Native Alaskan, or Hawaiian).

Prize
• Several awards ($1,500 each) for conference travel will be made to ESIs.
• Comp registration to Pre-Con III: HEADS UP and the international Stroke Conference 2020.

Evaluation Criteria
• All abstracts submitted for this award will be evaluated for scientific merit by a review committee. Notification of the competition results will be made in late-December 2019.

How to Apply
1. The applicant must submit an original abstract via the online submission form found at strokeconference.org/preconferencesymposium. The abstract must be in accordance with overall ISC rules and regulations for submitting abstracts and must have been submitted by the deadline of December 8, 2019, 11:59 pm CST.

2. The following supporting documents must be sent via e-mail to ashley.savage@heart.org; be sure to include the abstract’s title and submitter’s name:
   • A supporting statement from the applicant’s mentor. This should include:
     o why this candidate should receive an ISC junior investigator award
     o the applicant’s role in designing, executing, and analyzing the research in the submitted abstract
   • A complete curriculum vitae, including bibliography and AHA Membership number, and clear documentation demonstrating that the applicant meets the definition of an ESI as defined above.

Application Deadline
• Abstracts and supporting documents must be submitted by December 8, 2019, 11:59 pm CST.

Send all supporting documents in one e-mail to:
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214.706.1009