Request for Proposals

AAMC Opioid Education Challenge Grant Program:
Responding to the Training and Development Needs of Academic Medical Centers

Background Information

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) seeks to support our member schools and teaching hospitals in their efforts to advance educational practices.

Opioid misuse has devastated communities across the country. On average, 130 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose,[1] according to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Communities, both urban and rural, are facing an opioid epidemic. Many opportunities exist for intervention to reduce deaths and prescription drug misuse, and one area of focus has been on the training and ongoing professional development of physicians, particularly with respect to education on acute and chronic pain management and substance use disorders (including prevention, screening, intervention, treatment, and long-term recovery).

Project Goals

As part of the AAMC's efforts to assist our members' work to counter this epidemic, five institutions or partnering institutions will be awarded up to $25,000 each, funded in part by the Samueli Foundation,[2] to respond to the training and development needs of academic medical centers. Academic medical centers will be invited through this competitive proposal process to join a 12-month challenge.

Each grantee will be expected to develop resources to support educators in their collaborative efforts to complete one or more of the following activities:

1. Develop deliverable(s) designed to increase faculty proficiency in the areas of pain and substance use disorders, and/or
2. Develop tools and/or strategies to support the integration of pain and substance use disorders within curricula at the UME, GME, and/or CME levels.

Eligibility

Members of the AAMC and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine are eligible and invited to apply to the challenge grant program.

Proposal Requirements and Guidelines

Application packages should not exceed 10 pages overall. All applications must include:

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[1] Wide-ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research (WONDER). Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics; 2017. Available at http://wonder.cdc.gov.

[2] "The Samueli Foundation strives to create societal value by investing innovative, entrepreneurial and sustainable ideas. We support endeavors that embody the following objectives: Promote scholastic, technical, and creative exploration and achievement; Build a community of sharing, acceptance and altruism; Increase awareness, knowledge and opportunities; Enhance the quality of life of the underserved" (https://www.samueli.org/about-us/mission-vision/).

- **Proposal narrative** (maximum 5 double-spaced pages, with page numbers and one-inch margins, using unreduced 12-point Times New Roman font) addressing the following areas:
  - Project background, goals, and objectives.
  - Relevant literature to support the educational innovation.
  - Strategies or methods: the strategy, approach, and/or methods to develop the resource(s).
  - Expected outcomes and performance measures.
  - Detailed plan on how the tools and/or resource(s) will be disseminated to a broader audience.
  - References.
  - Note: If the application represents more than one institution, a lead institution must be identified.
- **Additional required elements** (not counted toward proposal narrative page limit, but counted toward 10-page maximum for overall application):
  - Biosketches of key personnel on project team (maximum 1 page per individual).
  - Budget and budget justification:
    - Budget cannot exceed $25,000 and should include itemized costs and justification.
    - If there are multiple institutions, submit one budget for the entire project and break out how the funds will be divided between the lead and partnering institutions.
    - Allowable costs include administrative or technical support to carry out specific project-related work, supplies, communication expenses, salary support for specific work related to the project, and travel support for collaborators and/or dissemination of the resource(s).
    - Unallowable expenses include indirect costs, overhead, travel unrelated to the development and/or dissemination of the resource(s), and travel to Learn Serve Lead: The AAMC Annual Meeting.
  - Letter from host institutional review board indicating review and approval, if relevant.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
- Contains all required information.
- Meets eligibility requirements.
- Aligns with project goals.
- Plan for resource development is logical and in alignment with goals.
- Time line is clear and on target.
- Appropriate use of the budget.

Time Line and Key Dates
- January 31, 2019: Release of Request for Proposals.
- March 4, 2019: Application submission begins.
- **June 7, 2019, at 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time: Completed grant proposals should be sent as a single PDF file to CurricularInnovation@aamc.org.**
- August 2019: Anticipated announcement of challenge grant awardees.

- September 2019–September 2020: Budget period.
- Progress and financial reports due at 6 and 12 months following notice of award.

Award Information

Funds will be distributed in a single payment following a fully executed agreement between the AAMC and the grantee. The budget period will be 12 months from the date of award distribution. Grantees will be required to submit progress and financial reports, requirements for which will be communicated to grantees after awards are issued.

For More Information

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