

**SOMA Summer Research Fellowship Award
Application for Funding
For SOMA Members Only**

Applicant(s) _____
Department(s) or
Institute(s) _____
Title: _____

This application must be clear, readily legible and conform to: 1) height of letters not smaller than 11 point; 2) type density no more than 15 characters per inch; and 3) no more than 6 lines of type within a vertical inch. Relevant Appendix items may be attached but should be kept to a minimum. Your grant application will be returned without review if these specifications are not met.

SUMMARY

Provide a summary of the project and its significance in language that can be readily understood by persons in disciplines other than yours (**DO NOT EXCEED THE SPACE PROVIDED**).

Applicant (Signature)

Mentor (Signature)

Applicant Name (Printed)

Mentor Name (Printed)

Date Signed

Date Signed

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Requirements for Fellowship Award

1. SOMA membership. Student applying for fellowship award must be a member of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association currently enrolled in osteopathic medical school. Membership information can be found online at www.studentdo.com.

2. Project type. Proposed research must be related to osteopathic manipulative research. Basic science and clinical research projects are allowed. For the purposes of this award, osteopathic research is defined as research investigating the mechanisms or efficacy of osteopathic manipulative treatment.

3. Timeline for project completion.

January 19th, 2009 – Deadline for submission of proposals – with copies being submitted to the SOMA Research and Development Director and to the National SOMA Office.

January and February – The Osteopathic Research Center (ORC) SOMA will review proposals and select up to five to be awarded fellowships. Decisions will be made based on criteria currently used by the ORC.

March – Students receiving fellowships will be notified in writing by the National SOMA Office. Upon the students' acceptance of the award and the conditions under which the Fellowship is awarded, the students will be awarded \$2000 to complete the research project. Awarded students will have until the end of March to accept the awards. Students will then be awarded the first \$1000 by the last week of May and the remaining \$1000 of their award in December upon National SOMA's receipt of their completed narrative research report.

May/June – August – The selected students will complete a 6-10 week research project related to osteopathic medicine. Depending on individual summer class schedules, students may be permitted to extend the length of the study period at the discretion of SOMA and the ORC.

First Monday in December – Students selected for the fellowship awards must agree to submit a written report on the project findings to include a brief narrative describing what they have gained from their research experience. This report is to be submitted to the National SOMA office and will be shared with the ORC and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation.

Following October (AOA Convention) – Students will present project results at the Annual SOMA Research Symposium. Students are expected to submit articles regarding their project to professional publications, national, state and/or local.

4. Additional requirements. As stated above, students will be expected to present their research at the Annual SOMA Research Symposium which is held in conjunction with the AOA Convention. Student must also submit a written report on the project findings including a brief narrative on what they have gained from their research experience. Students are expected to submit articles regarding their project to profession publications.

5. Failure to complete project and/or requirements. Failure to complete the research project and/or report may result in requiring students to repay, in part or in full, their fellowship award, as determined by SOMA and the ORC.

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NARRATIVE

1. **Research Plan.** State concisely the research plan including (1) background, (2) specific objectives, (3) the rationale and significance and (4) methods of procedure. Limit narrative to no more than three pages using font no smaller than 11 point and 0.5 inch margins. **Bibliography.** List relevant complete citations (including titles) which exemplify the current literature related to this project (not included in Research Plan three page limit).

2. **Institutional Review Board Approval.** If the proposed research will involve human subjects or animal studies, it will be necessary for the project to be reviewed and approved by the appropriate institutional review boards.

3. **Budget Justification.** On a separate page, include justification for any additional costs to be covered by the fellowship award (not included in Research Plan three page limit).

4. **Key personnel.** On a separate page, identify all key personnel and their role on the proposed project (not included in Research Plan three page limit). Also include the name of your mentor along with his/her contact information, including: business address, phone number, and email address.

5. **Letter of Support.** Include a letter of support from your mentor, stating availability of necessary resources, availability of funds exceeding \$2000 fellowship award if needed, and testament to your capabilities and academic standing (not included in Research Plan three page limit)

6. **Biosketch.** Attach a current curriculum vitae for student applicant and mentor.

Completed applications should be emailed to both Oluyinka Akinbinu, National Research and Development Director, rd@studentdo.com and Elizabeth Hodor, administration@studentdo.com . Additionally completed applications, including signed documents, should be sent to:

National SOMA

Attn: Elizabeth Hodor

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