

**NASPGHAN FOUNDATION/ABBOTT NUTRITION  
ADVANCED FELLOWSHIP TRAINING IN PEDIATRIC NUTRITION  
Submission Deadline: September 1, 2015**

*The award is expected to begin on July 1, 2016 although alternate start dates in 2016 will be considered to accommodate non-traditional academic schedules.*

**DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVE**

Pediatric nutrition is one of the fastest growing areas of scientific and clinical importance to child and population health. To address this growing interest and to accelerate the training of pediatric experts, the NASPGHAN Foundation has partnered with Abbott Nutrition to develop a pathway for advanced fellowship training in pediatric nutrition.

The NASPGHAN Foundation/Abbott Nutrition Advanced Fellowship in Nutrition will provide up to \$80,000 in direct funding to support a year of advanced training in pediatric nutrition for a NASPGHAN member. Applicants are expected to identify a mentor and a host nutrition research program prior to application for funding. The fellowship must include a well-defined clinical experience as well as a focused research project. Examples of areas for emphasis include but are not limited to: fetal growth and neonatal nutrition, typical development of feeding skills/behaviors and feeding disorders; nutritional aspects of eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia; malnutrition and failure to thrive; nutrition education; nutrition in specific systemic diseases or clinical states such as cystic fibrosis, liver disease, intestinal failure, and organ transplantation; nutrition support; community nutrition; nutrition epidemiology; energy homeostasis; nutrition and the microbiome; micronutrient homeostasis; nutrigenomics; obesity; breast milk and breast feeding; and basic laboratory nutritional science.

The primary objective of the fellowship is to catalyze and increase the number of highly-trained, expert nutrition clinicians, educators and scientists among the membership of NASPGHAN, as a means to improve service to our patients and the public.

**AWARDS AND STIPULATIONS**

- The fellowship is supported by a salary award *up to* \$77,000 (base salary plus fringe benefits) for one year. Institutional indirect costs are not allowed. An additional \$3000 discretionary account for travel, books, journals, and other discretionary expenses is awarded for a total award *up to* \$80,000 in direct costs. The applicant may not hold salary funding from any granting agency for the award period.
- A financial statement and brief progress report are required as a close-out report at the end of the training interval. All publications resulting from work supported by the NASPGHAN Foundation/Abbott Pediatric Nutrition Fellowship must acknowledge support by the grant mechanism. The awardee must attend the NASPGHAN 2015 Annual Meeting to accept the award and must commit to attending the annual NASPGHAN meeting for five years following to the award.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

- The applicant must be a member in good standing of the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. Applications will be accepted from candidates within ten years of training.
- Innovative, nontraditional or multidisciplinary training opportunities are encouraged. The fellowships might be conducted in a variety of settings, including hospital-based programs, university nutrition programs, government programs, or not-for-profit entities. Fellowships structured in traditional medical school and academic hospital settings are also welcomed.

- Although not required, strong preference will be given to applicants seeking training at a location distinct from the institution in which their fellowship training occurred.

### **REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The NASPGHAN Nutrition Committee and invited experts in the field will review and rank applications based on strength of the applicant and the strength of the proposed training program. The ideal applicant will have demonstrated a proclivity for and track record of interest in pediatric nutrition, along with an enthusiasm for a continuing career contribution to the field of pediatric nutrition. Members of the review panel will follow strict conflict of interest guidelines. Contact between the applicant or sponsors with committee members regarding applications is strictly prohibited and may lead to disqualification from further consideration.

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

***FAILURE TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO THESE, GUIDELINES COULD RESULT IN THE  
DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR APPLICATION***

Completed applications must include the following.

1. A biographical sketch of the principal investigator and sponsors. NIH announced a new biosketch format and instructions, posted at [SF 424 \(R&R\) Forms and Applications](#). The new format is required for due dates on or after January 25, 2015. The new format extends the page limit from four to five pages. It allows researchers to describe up to five of their most significant contributions to science, along with the historical background that framed their research. Investigators can outline the central findings of prior work and the influence of those findings.
2. A five page training and career plan as outlined below with 1/2-inch margins. Times New Roman or Arial font no less than 11 point are required. Page limitations and style requirements are strictly enforced. (No application more than FIVE single spaced pages will be reviewed).
  - Applicant statement outlining interest in a nutrition career (approximately 1 page)
  - Structure of the proposed clinical, research and programmatic experience. This section should include a portrayal of goals for the training year, a statement of the scientific or clinical underpinnings of the training experience, and previous involvement of the institution in nutrition training. Long term career plans in nutrition should be briefly described. The candidate is encouraged to use creative latitude in structuring this portion of the proposal to permit a rich training experience. A formal mentored research proposal, achievable within the one-year time frame of funding, is required.
3. Two letters of nomination are required;
  - One from the applicant's program director or division chief
  - The second from the applicant's proposed mentor

These letters should clearly outline the applicant's track record to date and the candidate's aptitude and zeal for a nutrition career. The mentor's letter should express their support and commitment to the proposed training program.

4. A one-year budget must be accompanied by a justification of the salary within the institution's salary structure for trainees and must be appropriate for the institution's salary structure for the candidate's position (fellow, faculty member, etc.). A \$3000 non-salary line item in a separate item for discretionary expenses like travel, supplies, is permissible.