

# Request for Applications

## Tanner Foundation Multiple Sclerosis Scholar Program

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This is a call for applications for the new **Tanner Foundation Multiple Sclerosis Scholar Program**. We anticipate funding one new position for the 2020–21 academic year. Below are pertinent program and application details.

**Program overview:** This program aims to expose young neuroscientists to basic and translational approaches to Multiple Sclerosis research. Both predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees are welcome to apply. Through this training pathway, graduate students and/or postdoctoral fellows will be exposed to fundamental and translational immunological mechanisms of immunity and disease, and will have the opportunity to engage in focused work that contributes toward therapeutic discovery related to neuroimmunological diseases.

### Eligibility:

- UAB predoctoral OR postdoctoral trainee in good standing.
- This program is designed for predoctoral students preparing to enter the third or fourth year of training (finishing second or third year at the time of nomination); or postdoctoral trainees.
- Interest in basic and translational science in neuroimmunology, with a specific interest in Multiple Sclerosis and related disorders.
- Trainees from diverse or disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

### Support provided to each trainee:

- \$35,000 per year that can be used for stipend, tuition, health insurance, and travel.

**Application:** Applicants should submit the following in a single PDF to [michellebelue@uabmc.edu](mailto:michellebelue@uabmc.edu)

- Trainee CV. Please ensure that this includes undergraduate and graduate GPA (if applicable), as well as author lists and titles for abstracts/posters.
- A description of the trainee's career goals, including a summary of their prior experiences and how participating in the Tanner Foundation Multiple Sclerosis Scholar Program would enhance pursuit of those goals. Describe how research interests and career goals relate to neuroscience and Multiple Sclerosis research. This should not exceed one page (standard NIH guidelines on margins and font size).
- A description of the planned research project, written by the trainee, presenting the specific aims and highlighting the significance, innovation, and approach. Describe significance of the project to Multiple Sclerosis or related disorders. The text and any figures should not exceed three pages (standard NIH guidelines on margins and font size), plus a reference list not included in the 3-page limit. Please include a project title.
- Graduate transcript.
- A recommendation letter from the trainee's research mentor that includes: a) statement that the trainee is in good academic standing, b) statement of approval to apply, and c) agreement that the trainee will meet all program requirements.
- The mentor's up-to-date NIH biosketch including current and pending funding.
- List of mentor's past and current trainees, including current position and complete citations of their publications.

- The following format is preferred:

Trainee Name	Past or Current	Training Period	Current Position	Publications (Authors, Year, Title, Journal, Volume, Inclusive Pages)
Doe, Jane A.	Past	2012-2016	Postdoctoral Fellow, Jones Lab, Harvard	<list all of trainee's publications resulting from their predoctoral studies in your lab>

**Review and selection:** The following criteria will be considered by the Selection Committee during review of applications:

- Relevance of proposed research project and career goals.
- Trainee's academic record, publications, abstracts, and achievements.
- Mentor's track record of trainee productivity and outcomes.
- Trainee's potential to exert a sustained influence in a research-intensive or research-related career.

**Timeline:**

- Application deadline: January 22, 2020, by 6:00 pm
- Applicants notified by February 10, 2020
- Dates of award: March 1, 2020- February 28, 2021

If you have any questions, please contact Program Administrator at [michelle.belue@uabmc.edu](mailto:michelle.belue@uabmc.edu) or 975-2018.