

Important Info about AOA Student Research Fellowship for Penn Med students

- Only one candidate from Penn may be nominated
- For MS 1, 2, and 3; MD-PhD and MD-Masters students are not eligible.
- There is no “favored” type of research (clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, or social science/health services research all acceptable)
- The strength of the individual proposal is what’s most important
- Min. length: 8 – 10 weeks, no max. length. However, the project is not year-long.
- Intended to be for summer research, but research can be done at a different time in the academic year (but must be completed by June 2013).
- The award can fund Scholarly Pursuit, but ensure that the AOA time frame is appropriate for your Scholarly Pursuit project before applying.
- International projects are generally eligible, including those MS3s who are doing a year out of research internationally. In order to be eligible, the AOA award must be the major source of support for the student.
- The \$5,000 award is given for a min. of 8 weeks. There is no additional funding for research lasting more than 8 weeks.
- **Important deadline:** the project must be completed, all data collected and analyzed, and a detailed final report written and submitted to the AOA office by **June 30, 2013**.
- **IRB or IACUC approval:** Applicants may submit proposals to the Combined Degree office with IRB or IACUC approval pending. **Approval MUST be obtained by January 6th**. If the chosen proposal does not have IRB or IACUC approval by January 6th, the runner-up application with approval will be chosen instead. If you need IRB or IACUC approval, it is recommended that you apply for it by late November (ask your mentor about the process).

Application Notes:

- Proposal must be written by the applicant.
- Please don’t staple your application.
- Include the AOA cover sheet as the top page of your application.
- A “bibliography” is the same thing as “references” for the proposed project.
- A mentor’s NIH Biosketch (standard CV of four or fewer pages) is the preferred format of CV.
- It is recommended that the mentor’s letter of recommendation include both a bit about the student’s accomplishments (for example, highlighting past/present research experience, if applicable) and the mentor’s anticipated degree of involvement and plans for supervision of the research.

Deadlines:

Application due to Combined Degree Office (104 Stemmler): **January 3** (No extensions)

IRB or IACUC approval: **January 6**

Penn Cmt forwards one application for national AOA competition: January 31

Notification of AOA award: April 15

Final AOA written report due: June 30

Scholarly pursuit project: Min. 12 weeks. *Ensure that the AOA time frame is appropriate for your scholarly pursuit project before applying.*