

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, MD-MPH, MD-MSCE, MD-MTR, MD-MSHP, year out students are not eligible
- There is no “favored” type of research - clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, or social science/health services research are all acceptable
- The strength of the individual proposal is what’s most important
- Min. length: 8 – 10 weeks, no max. length.
- To be eligible, the AOA award must be the major source of funding for the entire project. The grant cannot be used for research extensions.
- 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 2021).
- The award can fund Scholarly Pursuit*, but ensure that the AOA timeframe is appropriate for your Scholarly Pursuit project before applying.
- International projects are generally eligible.
- The 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, 2021**.
- **IRB or IACUC approval:** Approval must be obtained by **January 2nd** in order to be included in your application. If the chosen proposal does not have IRB or IACUC approval, 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 mid-November (ask your mentor about the process).

Application Notes:

- Proposal must be written by the applicant.
- Submit application to Amy Nothelfer in hardcopy (6th Floor JMEC, Combined Degree Office) or electronic form (email to: nothelfe@pennmedicine.upenn.edu).
- Include the AOA checklist as the top page of your application.
- A “bibliography” is the same thing as “references” for the proposed project.
- 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.
- Due to the nature of our selection process, we do not provide feedback on applications.

Deadlines:

Application due to Combined Degree Office (6th Floor JMEC): **January 2** (No extensions)

IRB or IACUC approval: **January 2**

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

Notification of AOA award: April 30

Final AOA written report due: June 30

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