

AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program (2027-2028)

There is a recognized need for academic neurodegenerative disease neuropathologists. The National Institutes of Aging has funded the AANP Scholars' Program until 2027 to enhance the career development of neuropathology trainees to increase the numbers of academic neurodegenerative disease neuropathologists. The AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program consists of an annual career development workshop to be held on the Wednesday prior to the annual AANP meeting (June 2023 through June 2027). This workshop will alternate with one session on "Expectations and Barriers to an Academic Neuropathology Career" and "Navigating Academic Neuropathology: Positions and Grants."

Scholars who commit to the AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program will receive the following benefits:

- Designation as an AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholar
- Two consecutive AANP Scholars Career Development Workshop
- Funds to offset travel/hotel expenses to attend the annual AANP Scholars Career Development Workshop and the AANP Annual Meeting (\$1,000 annually)
- Waived registration fees to the AANP Annual Meeting (valued at \$525 annually)

AANP Scholars are required to commit to the following:

- Attendance at *two consecutive* AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Workshops (Wednesday prior to the AANP Annual Meeting over two years)
- Active participation at the annual AANP Scholars workshop
- Completion of surveys (evaluation of the AANP Scholars Program)
- Active, Junior membership with the AANP

The AANP Scholars Program has limited slots available for new applicants. AANP Scholars will be chosen to represent a diverse group of trainees with interests in neurodegenerative disease neuropathology academic research. Applicants will be evaluated based on a demonstrated interest in neurodegenerative disease neuropathology, promise for an academic career, and suitability for the workshop. Trainees from institutions that are not currently part of the NIH-funded Alzheimer's Disease Center network are encouraged to apply. Neurodegenerative disease pathology is defined in very broad terms and is not limited to the study of specific diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, etc. Similarly, a broad range of research interests will be supported including clinical (clinicopathologic), translational and basic approaches.

Successful applicants are typically in their fellowship and/or postdoctoral fellowship phase of their training. Individuals who have already established themselves at an academic institution are not eligible for the AANP Program (i.e., Assistant Professor or above) with exceptions only for temporary junior faculty appointments (i.e. Instructor or similar) which will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Individuals who have already obtained a career development award (K grant or similar) from either the NIH or a foundation are generally not eligible. Prior appointment to a training grant is acceptable. Residents are eligible to apply but preference will be given to applicants at the level of fellow or postdoc.

Applicants who identify as female, an underrepresented minority, or a person with disability are especially encouraged to apply.

Sincerely,

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Application for the AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program

Due Friday, December 4, 2026

Name: _____ Institutional Affiliation: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Post graduate year: _____

Current Position [Resident, NP Fellow, Postdoc, Instructor, Other]: _____

I identify as: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-binary ☐ I prefer to self-describe ☐ I prefer not to disclose If you selected, "I prefer to self-describe" please feel free to enter your self-description: _____	I identify as: ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Other ☐ I prefer not to disclose If you selected "other" please feel free to enter your ethnicity self-description: _____
I identify as an individual with a disability: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I prefer not to disclose	I identify as: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino ☐ I prefer not to disclose
I commit to (please review and check each box): ☐ Attending the AANP Scholars Neurodegenerative Disease Workshop over two years (2027 and 2028), held the Wednesday prior to the annual AANP meeting. The 2028 workshop is contingent upon grant renewal. ☐ Being an active participant in the AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Workshop ☐ Completing periodic surveys to evaluate the AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program ☐ Maintaining active, Junior membership with the AANP	

1. Attach your curriculum vitae (no page limit).
2. Attach a one-page description of your career goals and what you hope to gain from attending the two-year career development workshop. Document margins should be at least 0.5 inches and font should be Arial 10pt. If you are medical student or a resident, include whether you are committed to pursuing neuropathology fellowship training.
3. Attach up to two letters of recommendation. At least one letter of recommendation is required and should be obtained from either (1) your current residency director, (2) your current neuropathology fellowship director, (3) your prior neuropathology fellowship director if you have already finished your neuropathology fellowship, or (4) your mentor if you are a postdoctoral fellow. The letter of recommendation must include an explicit statement that your attendance to the workshop is permitted.
4. Email the fully compiled application **as a single PDF file** to sporter@aoeconsulting.com

By signing below, I certify that all the materials I am submitting with this application for the 2027-2028 AANP Neurodegenerative Disease Scholars Program is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signature

Name (Printed)

Date