

**APGO Martin L. Stone, MD Fund for the Advancement of
Medical Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology ---
APGO Educational Scholars Research Award
The Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics**

Nomination Deadline: October 1, 2009

The Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO) Martin L. Stone, MD Fund for the Advancement of Medical Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology provides financial support for projects that expand the educational capabilities and/or measurably enhance the educational programs initiated by graduates of the APGO Academic Scholars and Leaders Program (formerly APGO/Solvay Educational Scholars Development Program) during the time of their participation in the program. Please note that more than one award may be given, depending on the project's impact on the APGO membership and its budget.

This fund honors one of APGO's founding members – Martin L. Stone, MD – recognizing his achievements and contributions to the specialty, and promoting the advancement of ob-gyn medical education.

Overview of the APGO Academic Scholars and Leaders Program

The APGO Academic Scholars and Leaders Program is an initiative of APGO, funded by a generous grant from Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to enhance obstetrics and gynecology education by preparing ob-gyn physician faculty to possess the skills and knowledge necessary to be outstanding teachers and educational administrators. Graduates are expected to fulfill major educational responsibilities and positions within their medical centers.

APGO Martin L. Stone, MD Award Qualifications and Criteria

This award is unique in that applicants must be graduates of the APGO Academic Scholars and Leaders Program and the funds must be used to advance their research project or an extension of that project which was initiated while participating in the scholars program. The award is granted on a competitive basis.

Recipient must attend the 2010 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting to receive their award. No indirect costs, travel or salary support will be allowed, and proposals for equipment or other depreciating assets will not be considered. (Indirect costs are expenses that are incurred as a result of grant award activities and that provide a benefit to the grant project, but cannot be allocated directly to a grant, such as computer equipment, secretarial support or business supplies.) Award funds will be disbursed directly to the applicant's institution and must be managed by that institution. One payment of up to \$10,000 will be paid by July 15 of the year in which the award is granted.

APGO reserves the right to cancel the award and expect a return of the grant funds if the project is not completed within two years. If the award results in a project, the project must be made available to APGO for distribution to its members and will become the property of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics. The final product must not include copyrighted materials and must be on a software program or platform that can be accessed by all members and institutions.

Application Procedure

An electronic copy of all documentation should be submitted to apgoadmin@apgo.org no later than 5:00 pm on October 1, 2009. Please send you information to the above e-mail address in the order indicated below.

1. The face page must include: project title; name of department and applicant; degree and date obtained; present position and applicant's title; business, home and e-mail addresses; and telephone and fax numbers. Please include an outline of all activities, past and current, with the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics. The candidate should state on this face page if the project is being submitted for consideration of any other awards or grants.
2. The applicant's curriculum vitae, including a complete bibliography listing presentations and papers published or in press, separated from abstracts;
3. A one-page or less description of applicant's past scientific and educational research;
4. A one-page structured abstract of no more than 250 words using the following headings: Objective, Methods, Expected Results, and Implications, defining the scholar's project initiated during the program and plans to complete or expand upon it.

5. In addition to the abstract, a description of the applicant's proposed project, detailing the project objectives, work to be performed, and project significance with respect to their institution and the general field of obstetrics and gynecology. A timeline and a proposed budget must be included. (The purchase of equipment or other depreciating assets is not allowed.) A clear explanation of the project objectives and the means by which they will be evaluated are essential components of the proposal;

6. A letter from the applicant's medical school department chair stating that he/she has reviewed the proposal and is in agreement with it;

7. A letter on behalf of the applicant's institution stating that the funds will be accepted and administered in conjunction with the purpose of the APGO Martin L. Stone, MD Fund for the Advancement of Medical Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology and the requirements of the institution. It should be noted that APGO does not pay indirect costs (see introduction for details); and

Completed applications with all specified documentation must be received at apgoadmin@apgo.org no later than 5:00 pm on October 1. The award will be presented at the CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting in March 2010. The candidates can expect to be notified about the action taken on their application by February 1, 2010.

Selection Criteria

The Endowment Award Task Force will review the applications received for this award and rank them based upon the perceived relevance to the fund's purpose and the likelihood that the proposal will enhance the educational programs of the applicant's department.

Award recipients' names will be posted on the APGO Web site – www.apgo.org – under Grants and Awards/Endowment Awards by February 1, 2010.

Reporting Requirements

The recipient must furnish APGO with one hard copy and one electronic copy of both a progress report at the end of six months and a final report on the results of the educational development project no later than October 1 of the year in which the project is completed. The report should include the project title, the institution where it was conducted, a narrative of no more than ten pages discussing the project objectives, the work done, and the final outcome. All unused grant funds must be returned to APGO upon completion of the project. The report should discuss the applicability of this project to other educators and institutions. Appropriate figures and tables may be appended. Please send the electronic copy to APGO Executive Director Donna Wachter at dwachter@apgo.org.

The recipient should be prepared to present the project outcome at the annual meeting of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics in the year following the completion of the work. The recipient must also submit an abstract for the CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting, through the normal abstract submission process, within two years of receipt of the award.

Any publications or products derived from the work of the project should designate the support of the APGO Martin L. Stone, MD Fund for the Advancement of Medical Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology, acknowledge that the original project was part of the APGO Scholars and Leaders Program, and will become the property of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics for distribution to its members.

Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO)

MISSION

APGO promotes excellence in women's health care by providing optimal resources and support to educators who inspire, instruct, develop and empower women's health care providers of tomorrow.

CORE VALUES

Commitment to teachers and teaching

Passion for excellence in women's health care education

Collaboration among professionals

Innovation in educational tools and techniques

Maintaining the following six core competencies: Professionalism; Interpersonal skills; Practice-based learning and improvement; Systems-based practice; Medical knowledge; and Patient care

CORE PURPOSE

To globally improved women's health through education

APGO Endowment Award Selection Task Force

The Endowment Award Selection Task Force will review each of the applications received for this award. The task force is comprised of the following members:

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Meet Doctor Stone

Doctor Stone received his medical degree from New York Medical College and completed his residency at New York Medical College and affiliated hospitals. He was appointed chair of the departments of obstetrics and gynecology at New York Medical College in 1956. He also served as vice president for Hospital Affairs. In 1978 he accepted the position as chair of the obstetrics and gynecology department at the newly opened State University School of Medicine at Stony Brook.

His numerous education positions have included serving as president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), editor-in-chief of the ACOG Update, program chair of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics, and chair of the American College of Surgeons Advisory Committee in Obstetrics and Gynecology. He served two terms on the Residency Review Committee (RRC) and as a principal investigator for the NIH-sponsored multiple institutional study on cerebral palsy. Doctor Stone is the author of two textbooks and more than 84 peer-reviewed articles relating to ob-gyn. In 1993, he received the APGO Excellence in Teaching Award and, in 1997, he received the APGO/Wyeth Career Achievement Award. He continues to attend and fully participate in APGO functions, giving his many friends and mentees the opportunity to continue to learn from him.

Doctor Stone is currently professor and chair emeritus, and consultant in education in the department of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive medicine and the University Medical Center at Stony Brook, NY. He is also consultant in education in the department of obstetrics and gynecology and women's health at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, NY. Doctor Stone is currently on the Board of Directors of the Southampton Hospital, Southampton, New York, and on the Board of East Hampton Health Foundation, East Hampton, New York.

