

Overview of the Anatomy/Osteopathic Fellows Scholars Program



Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine 2017-2018

The Fellows Scholarship Program through the Departments of Anatomy and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine is designed to expand the educational opportunities for selected students with guided learning experiences in the areas of medical education, research, Osteopathic Principles and Practices, and Anatomy while they assist in all phases of the departments' operation. An important emphasis of the Fellows program is to formally train the student in medical education and begin a journey to achieve masters level experience and preparation to become excellent teachers and faculty. The Fellow(s) will receive a Master of Science in Adult Education (MSADE) degree currently offered through a special arrangement with Troy University as well as a certificate upon completion of the Fellowship and appropriate recognition at graduation. The duties and benefits, obligations, and expectations of the Anatomy/OPP Fellows are as follows:

DUTIES & BENEFITS:

- Assist in lecturing, teaching of practical skills, and counseling of the first and second year medical students.
- Assist in development and implementation of OMS III network-wide OPP curriculum.
- Develop or participate in research projects with the assistance of the basic science and/or clinical faculties.
- Complete a Master of Science in Adult Education (MSADE) currently offered through a special arrangement with Troy University.
- Provide clinical services under the supervision of clinical faculty members.
- OMM/Anatomy Fellows are required to devote a minimum of forty hours per week to Fellowship activities.
- Fellows will receive a monthly stipend (currently \$1,200/Fellow) while engaged at ACOM fellows program activities.
- Fellows receive support to attend national professional training (\$1,500/Fellow).
- Fellows will be granted a tuition waiver during the fellowship year and one additional year.

OBLIGATIONS:

- One Year Program
- Extension of predoctoral training period by twelve months, making the total time between matriculation and graduation five years.

- The "term" of the Fellowship may begin after successful completion of the OMS II year, COMLEX I Exam, and is eligible for entry into the clinical years' curriculum.

If an Anatomy/OPP Fellow fails to complete the Fellowship Program, he/she will be required to repay the balance of full tuition and any fees regardless of the date of departure from the Fellowship, but any serious extenuating circumstances will be considered such as a medical emergency, a financial emergency, maternity, a call to active military service, ect. The stipend will immediately be discontinued.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPECTATIONS:

- Must demonstrate professionalism as defined by the Standards of Professional Conduct, pages 59-82 of the 2016-2017 ACOM Student Handbook. Unprofessional behavior could result in disciplinary action including but not limited to a meeting with the program chairs, a meeting with the Student Progress Committee, and the possible recommendations to the Dean for dismissal from the program or ACOM.
- Must maintain a level of professionalism expected of the ACOM Faculty. Unprofessional behavior could result in disciplinary action detailed in Chapter 6, Section 2c, Subsection 3d of the ACOM Faculty Handbook up to termination of Fellowship.
- Before entering the program, Fellows must verify that they have no conflicts of interest that may prohibit their professional duties. Fellows are expected to make program directors aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise.
- Appropriate written requests for excused absences as defined in the current ACOM Student Handbook must be approved by the program directors and submitted to the Associate Dean of Students.
- The Fellows program schedule will reflect that of the OMS III class, beginning July 31, 2017 and ending July 27, 2018. The Fellows will not receive time off in the Summer prior to beginning rotations, but holidays during the academic year including Winter Break and Spring Break will apply.