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ASN PARTNERS WITH HAROLD AMOS MEDICAL FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO CREATE ASN- AMFDP AWARD

ASN-AMFDP Award will support career development for a kidney research scholar from a historically disadvantaged background

Highlights

- The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) is partnering with the Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program (AMFDP) of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to create the ASN-AMFDP Award and improve diversity in kidney health.
- The ASN-AMFDP Award will support the career development of a kidney research scholar and future health care leader from a historically disadvantaged background for 4 years.

Kidney disease is the 9th leading cause of death in the U.S. and affects more than 20 million Americans

Washington, DC (February 9, 2015) — The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) is proud to announce the creation of the American Society of Nephrology–Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program (ASN-AMFDP) Award, an initiative that will support the research and career development of a kidney research scholar and future health care leader.

“ASN is honored to partner with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to support the Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program, an outstanding initiative that has greatly enriched medicine and science,” said ASN President Jonathan Himmelfarb, MD, FASN. “Promoting diversity and inclusiveness to enhance nephrology and improve patient care is key to ASN’s mission. The ASN-AMFDP program will increase diversity among future leaders in nephrology, promoting the innovation, creativity, and sensitivity that will advance health for all people living with kidney disease.”

The Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program awards 4-year post-residency grants to support the research and career development of physicians and dentists from historically disadvantaged backgrounds. The program—a long-running initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)—is designed to increase the number of such

faculty who achieve senior rank in academic medicine and dentistry and to foster the development of succeeding classes of such physicians and dentists. Learn more at <http://www.amfdp.org/>, and apply at <https://my.rwjf.org/login.do>.

Kidney disease affects more than 20 million Americans, and many vulnerable populations—including African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans—are disproportionately affected. Improving diversity in all aspects of kidney care will help address health care disparities and unequal access.

ASN's Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

ASN will promote diversity and inclusiveness to enhance the nephrology profession and the lives of people with kidney disease through improved health care, research, and education.

About the American Society of Nephrology

Founded in 1966, and with more than 15,000 members, the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) leads the fight against kidney disease by educating health professionals, sharing new knowledge, advancing research, and advocating the highest quality care for patients.

About the AMFDP

The Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation was created to increase the number of faculty from historically disadvantaged backgrounds who can achieve senior rank in academic medicine or dentistry and who will encourage and foster the development of succeeding classes of such physicians and dentists. Four-year postdoctoral research awards are offered to historically disadvantaged physicians and dentists who are committed to developing careers in academic medicine and to serving as role models for students and faculty of similar background.

About the RWJF

For more than 40 years, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has worked to improve the health and health care of all Americans. As the nation's largest philanthropy devoted solely to the public's health, it has a unique capacity and responsibility to address the most pressing health and health care issues facing our society. The Foundation's efforts focus on fostering environments that promote health and on improving how health care in America is delivered and paid for, and how well it does for patients and their families.

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