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MEMORANDUM #06-21

To:       Council of Deans
          Council of Academic Societies
          Organization of Student Representatives

From:    Darrell G. Kirch, M.D., President

Subject:  FIC/Ellison Overseas Fellowships in Global Health and Clinical Research

I call your attention to an exciting clinical research training experience for graduate level U.S. students in the health professions, sponsored by the NIH's Fogarty International Center (FIC) in partnership with The Ellison Medical Foundation, the NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse. The Association of American Medical Colleges and the Association of Schools of Public Health are managing the program, which is beginning its fourth year.

The program offers a one-year clinical research training experience to qualified students. This is an opportunity for highly motivated individuals to experience mentored research training at top-ranked NIH funded research centers in a diverse group of countries, including Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, China, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mali, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, and Zambia.

The response of medical students from a broad geographic distribution of our members has been gratifying, and we would like to maintain the momentum. To learn more, please review the enclosed flyer or contact Yolanda Thomas, Division of Biomedical and Health Sciences Research, at <ythomas@aamc.org>, or 202-828-0481. I would appreciate your wide dissemination of this information to appropriate colleagues, advisors and students at your institution.

Enclosure

cc:       Group on Educational Affairs
          Group on Resident Affairs
          Group on Student Affairs
Fogarty International Center/Ellison Medical Foundation Fellowships*

Would you like a unique chance to experience clinical research training in a developing country, working in an advanced research center?

Would you like to work with a strong team of mentors and colleagues on important problems that advance people's health?

An exciting international opportunity is now available!

The National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Fogarty International Center (FIC), in partnership with The Ellison Medical Foundation, the NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse, offers a one-year clinical research training experience for graduate level U.S. students in the health professions. This is an opportunity for highly motivated individuals to experience mentored research training at top-ranked NIH-funded research centers in the following countries: Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, China, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mali, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, and Zambia.

This program is designed primarily for students meeting all of the following qualifications:

- A strong interest in, and potential for, a career in international health activities and/or clinical research.

- Advanced standing in a U.S. medical, osteopathic or dental school; or enrollment in a doctoral level program at a U.S. school of public health, nursing, or other health sciences related program. Applicants must have strong academic records and must be U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents. Medical, osteopathic and dental students must have completed their basic science courses and one year of clinical clerkship; public health and nursing doctoral students must have completed their coursework and passed their qualifying exams prior to the beginning of the fellowship.

- Support of their home academic institution, including a committed mentor.

Each Fellowship will be for a one year period. The term will begin with an intensive orientation program on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD in July 2007. This will be followed by 10+ months of intense research training at the foreign site.

Applications are due: December 8, 2006

To access the application and to learn more, please visit: www.aamc.org/overseasfellowship

* This program is administered by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Association of Schools of Public Health.