

**ABFM (American Board of Family Medicine) Foundation's (ABFM-F)  
Montegut Global Scholars Program  
Policy and Procedures**

**Introduction:** The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). The ABFM's primary mission is to certify, for the public good, that its Diplomates have the knowledge and competence to practice the specialty of family medicine in the United States of America. The ABFM-F is a supporting organization of the ABFM. Its primary mission is to support the ABFM's research and scholarly activities.

The Montegut Global Scholars Program (MGSP) was established by the ABFM-F in April 2010. It was named in honor of Alain Montegut, M.D., a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) from 2005-2010 and whose career has been devoted to developing high quality family medicine practice internationally, especially in underserved and/or undeveloped countries.

The MGSP was established to foster international education, research and collaboration in the specialty of family medicine. It will support the attendance of one family physician from each of the seven regions of the international organization of family physicians (WONCA) to their regional meetings or to the international meeting in the year when it is held. In years when the local region does not hold a meeting it will be permissible for the nominee from that region to use the scholarship to attend a meeting in another region. At the discretion of the regional office, the MGSP can be split between candidates and the regional office can elect to nominate a candidate for a regional meeting at that scholarship amount (US\$ 2,300) instead of a candidate for the world conference in 2018 and 2020.

**Funding:** The MGSP will provide a US \$2,300 scholarship for one (1) family physician selected from each of the seven (7) WONCA regions to attend their respective regional WONCA meetings in 2019. It will provide a US \$3,300 scholarship for the selectee from each region to attend the world conference of WONCA in 2018 and 2020. The selected scholars are expected to devote the entire amount funded toward expenses related to attending the WONCA meeting for which s/he is chosen. Should additional funding be necessary for a selectee to attend any of the aforementioned meetings, the individual or his/her regional WONCA shall be responsible for the balance. Checks will be cut to the respective regional WONCA treasurer/financial officer for distribution to the scholar or will be issued via wire transfer to the selectee.

The ABFM-F is only responsible to the regional WONCA offices and scholars for the set amount of the individual scholarships outlined above. It will not consider requests for supplemental funds for any respective scholarship, either in advance or after the fact.

**Scholar selection:** Applications will be sought and processed by the respective WONCA regional office. Where the local WONCA region does not have a committee structure or staff which allows for the identification, solicitation of interest from physicians, and the ultimate submission of the Application, the WONCA World Secretary or the WONCA World Nominating and Awards Committee will be empowered to assist. In the instances where the selection and submission of the Application is made by the WONCA World staff, it will be necessary to have the application approved by the ABFM-F prior to being awarded. The nominee from the North American region should come from the Caribbean College of Family Physicians and should be approved by the North American President. These applications can be submitted to the Chair of the ABFM-F in written or electronic form. A standard application form with a copy of the MGSP 'Policy and Procedures' must be distributed to each applicant. The selection of a scholar from each region will be processed and determined by the WONCA officers for their respective region except as noted above when the local WONCA region does not have the wherewithal to

**handle the process. When the scholar is chosen by a respective WONCA region or WONCA World staff for a given WONCA meeting, a copy of that person's application and curriculum vitae should be forwarded to the President of the ABFM Foundation at 1648 McGrathiana Parkway, Suite 550, Lexington, Kentucky, 40511-1247, United States of America, or via email to [President@abfmfoundation.org](mailto:President@abfmfoundation.org) for our files.**

The person chosen for the scholarship **must** be a family physician/general practitioner in good professional standing. It is suggested that the selectee be a physician involved with education, research and/or committed to improving the quality of family medical care in his/her region. Furthermore, the selectee chosen should be a person whom under ordinary circumstances would not have the financial means to attend the referenced meetings, and is not part of the WONCA leadership in his/her region. The regional WONCA office should assure in advance that the person chosen for this scholarship possesses proper documents/credentials for international travel. Finally, it is suggested that the same individual not be chosen to attend more than one meeting offered by this scholars program. The scholarship selectee should be informed that s/he is responsible for arranging the details (e.g., travel, lodging, etc.) for attending the meeting for which s/he has been chosen.

**Scholar Responsibilities:** In return for the scholarship, each scholar is required to submit a brief report (in English) after returning from a meeting in their own region or another region to the President of the ABFM-F containing the following information:

1. Name, practice address and WONCA region,
2. An essay (2-4 typewritten pages) outlining 'Lessons Learned' from the designated meeting that, going forward, could benefit that physician, his/her patients, residency training programs or trainees, or the specialty of family medicine in his/her region.
3. In the essay referenced above, the scholar should list two (2) or three (3) action items that s/he will implement in their region, practice, or training program as a result of attending the meeting.

This report will be due to the ABFM-F office [**President ABFM-F, 1648 McGrathiana Parkway, Suite 550, Lexington, Kentucky, 40511-1247, United States of America**] or via email to: **[President@abfmfoundation.org](mailto:President@abfmfoundation.org)** no more than sixty (60) days after the conclusion of the respective meeting. Any papers, lectures or presentations by the scholar containing information gained as a result of this scholarship should acknowledge the ABFM-F as a sponsor.