

Fellowship Grant Application Guidelines

We believe supporting medical education is one of the most important ways Acumed can assist the healthcare community in providing positive patient outcomes.

Fellowship Application Deadline

To manage our budget and to ensure Acumed can fund as many worthwhile programs as possible, we limit the awarding of Fellowship Grants to once per calendar year.

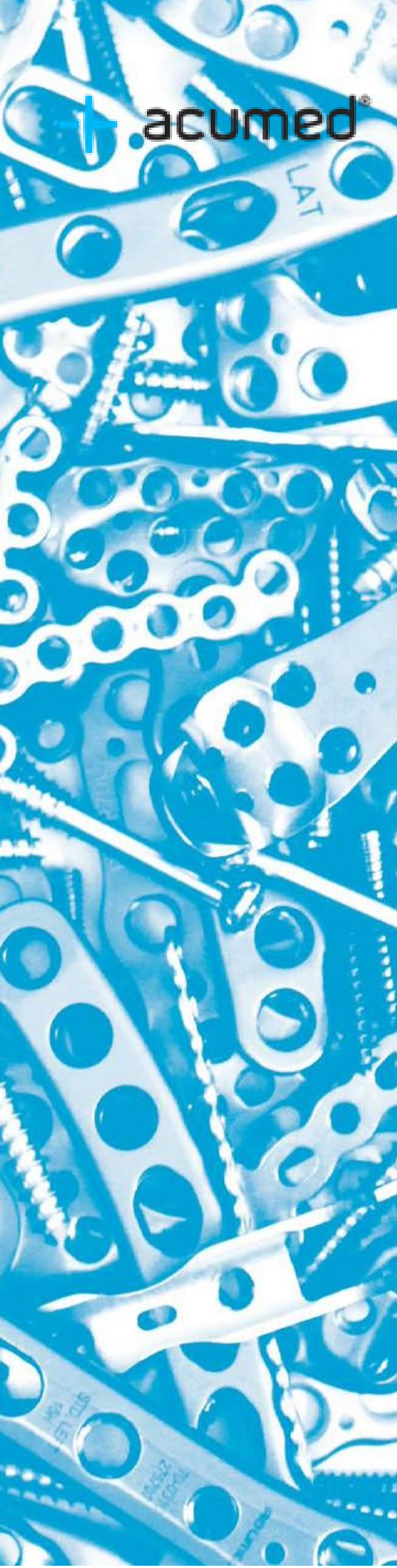
To be considered, the completed application, including all attachments, must be submitted by April 15th. Applications submitted after the April 15th deadline will be held for the following year's review cycle. Applicants will receive grant notifications by May 30th. If you have any questions, please contact grants@acumed.net.

Who Should Use This Application

The Fellowship Grant Application is intended for use by Applicant Organizations which are: (i) accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), or (ii) if located outside of the United States, accredited by a foreign country's recognized graduate medical education accrediting body. An eligible Applicant Organization is the sponsoring institution (organization or entity) that assumes the ultimate financial and academic responsibility for the accredited clinical orthopaedic fellowship program consistent with the ACGME Institutional Requirements.

Participating clinical sites are not eligible Applicant Organizations unless they are also the sponsoring institution that assumes ultimate financial and academic responsibility of the fellowship program. Participating clinical sites are organizations associated with a fellowship program that provide educational experiences or educational assignments/rotations for residents/fellows. Examples of participating clinical sites include: a university; a medical school; a teaching hospital, including its ambulatory clinics and related facilities; a private medical practice or group practice; a nursing home; a school of public health; a health department; a federally qualified health center; a public health agency; an organized health care delivery system; a health maintenance organization (HMO); a medical examiner's office; a consortium; or an educational foundation.

Acumed does not provide grants to individual health care professionals (HCPs) or to HCPs in training and does not provide grants that are earmarked for the benefit of individual HCPs or HCPs in training. Accordingly, Acumed will not consider grant requests for individual HCPs or HCPs in training. This Application should not be used to request grant funding for independent medical educational programs for health care professionals, including congresses, conferences, symposiums, or courses, with or without labs, that are sponsored by professional medical associations, societies, or continuing education providers and academic institution labs. Such requests should be made through the Professional Medical Education Grant Application, available at: <https://www.acumed.net/about/grants/>. This Application should not be used to request funding requests for support towards research proposals and research studies. Such proposals should be made to Acumed's Research Review Committee, available at: <https://www.acumed.net/about/research/>.



Fellowship Program Eligibility

The Fellowship Grant Application is intended for clinical orthopaedic fellowship programs that are (i) accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), or (ii) if located outside of the United States, accredited by a foreign country's recognized graduate medical education accrediting body.

Un-accredited fellowship programs, non-clinical orthopaedic programs and visiting/travelling fellowship programs are not eligible fellowship programs. Grant requests that violate the Applicant Organization's Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest Policy, or any other policy of the Applicant Organization will result in the automatic denial of the Fellowship Grant Application.

Use of Fellowship Grant Funds

Fellowship grants are intended to support clinical orthopaedic fellowship programs and may be used to subsidize a clinical fellow.

Fellowship grants may not be used for:

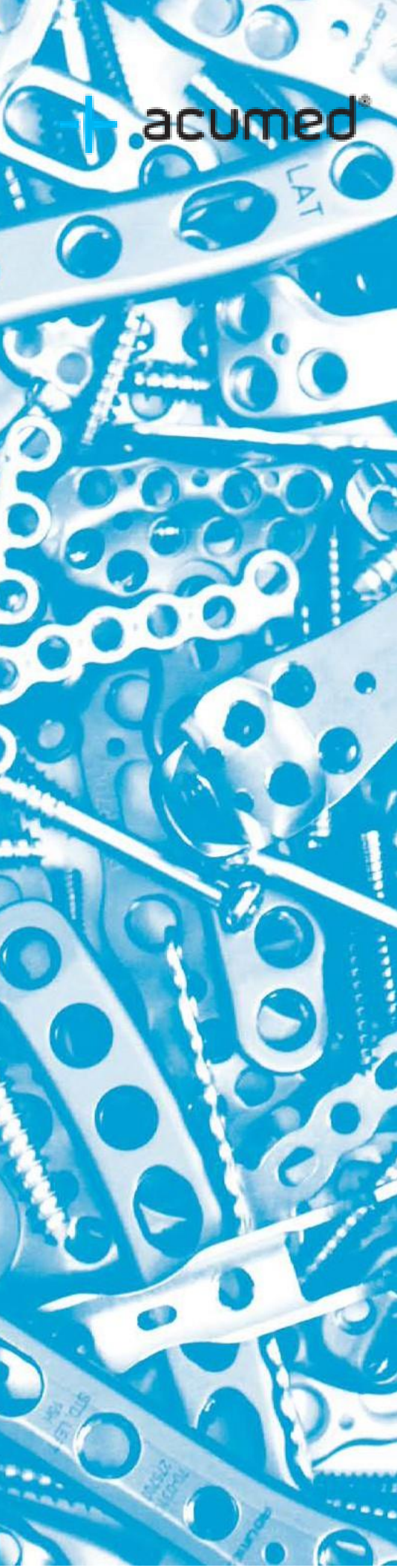
- Travel, meals, or housing
- Visiting fellows, or travelling fellows
- Visiting faculty, or travelling faculty
- Endowment funding
- Journal Clubs
- Capital improvement
- Capital equipment purchases
- Malpractice insurance coverage or benefits
- Overhead expenses (also known as indirect or institutional shared costs) including facilities, utilities, libraries, physical plant operation and maintenance, administration, student services, support for administrative staff members and building/equipment depreciation and any other items not allowed by AdvaMed Code and the PhRMA guidelines.
- Grant funding for independent medical educational programs for health care professionals, including congresses, conferences, symposiums, or courses, with or without labs, that are sponsored by professional medical associations, societies, or continuing education providers and academic institution labs. Such requests should be made through the Professional Medical Education Grant Application, available at: <https://www.acumed.net/about/grants/>
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The submission of a Fellowship Grant Application does not guarantee approval of the application, and if approved by Acumed, Acumed may approve funding at an amount less than what has been requested.

Merit-Based Review Process

Fellowship Grant Applications are reviewed by Acumed's Grants Committee which is comprised of non-sales personnel against the follow criteria:

- Faculty qualifications and expertise
- Ratio of fellows to faculty
- Quality of resources and facilities
- Program emphasis on research
- Program's environment of research



Merit-Based Review Process [continued]

- Merits of the educational program
- Program accreditation status
- Participation in the fellowship match process
- Method of formal evaluation of faculty, fellows and fellowship program

Every Fellowship Grant Application is individually reviewed and scored.

Acumed's decision of whether to approve or deny a Fellowship Grant Application is wholly unrelated to any prior or future purchase, use, order, or recommendation of Acumed products and is determined independently, without regard to the volume or dollar value of any business that may have been or may be potentially generated by the Applicant Organization.

Implicitly or explicitly, soliciting the requested grant in exchange for an agreement to purchase, use, order, or recommend Acumed products or as a reward for any prior purchase, use, order, or recommendation of Acumed products will result in the automatic denial of the grant request. Any offer to purchase, use, order, or recommend Acumed products in connection with a Fellowship Grant Application will result in the automatic denial of the grant request.

Required Representations

If a Fellowship Grant Application is approved, the Applicant Organization will be required to represent and warrant, in a separate writing, that: (a) the receipt of grant funding will not affect its or its personnel's professional judgment; (b) it will assist Acumed in complying with its reporting duties required by the Physician Payment Sunshine Act and its implementing regulations (42 C.F.R. § 403.900 et seq) as an applicable manufacturer; and (c) Acumed shall have the right to audit the use of grant funds, and the Applicant Organization will provide Acumed with reasonable access to copies of receipts related to the expenditure of grant funding.

Questions?

For questions regarding the Fellowship Grant Application, please contact grants@acumed.net.