

**Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association**  
**Research Fellowship Information**  
**Submission Deadline – February 6, 2012**

The Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA) is pleased to announce the availability AHPBA Research Awards. Submission categories are as follows: **Physiology/Biology, Oncology and Surgical Technology Assessment and Outcomes**. The purpose of these awards is to provide assistance and the opportunity for a resident or fellow to spend at least one year in full-time research under the mentorship of an AHPBA member. Residents or fellows who have completed at least two years of post-graduate training in a surgical discipline are eligible to apply. The research can be clinical or basic science but must focus on the liver, pancreas, or biliary tree tract.

The following submission categories are identified below:

**1. Physiology/Biology**

This is applicable to basic/translational research projects focused on pancreatic or hepatobiliary physiology or biology (non-cancer).

**2. Oncology**

This is applicable to basic/translational research projects focused on pancreatic or hepatobiliary cancer.

**3. Surgical Technology Assessment and Outcomes**

This is applicable to projects focused on assessment of surgical technology/devices or projects focused on clinical outcomes research in pancreatic and hepatobiliary disease.

***Please note. An award in each of the above categories is not guaranteed. The awards will be based on the proposed research and the total grading score.***

Each applicant may apply under one category. **The amount of the research funding is up to \$30,000 for one year.** The support will be given as a gift to the institution accepting responsibility for the research environment of the awardee. These awards must be expended solely for the purpose of the sponsored research. These awards shall be used only for salary support or direct cost expenditures of the funded research project conducted under the mentorship of the AHPBA member. No part of the awards may be used for indirect costs. **An exception is the opportunity to support travel to the annual AHPBA meeting with up to \$1,500.00.** The funding period will be July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Awardees should not have any regularly assigned clinical duties during the Fellowship period. The AHPBA Research Grants for Residents or Fellows are intended to be the primary source of extramural support for the applicant's research project. There are no specific restrictions on the amount of intramural (departmental/institutional) support.

If there are any questions regarding these restrictions, applicants or their sponsors should email Dr. Roderich Schwarz at: Roderich.Schwarz@UTSouthwestern.edu, Chair of the AHPBA Research Committee or call Kim O'Dell, CMP, Executive Director of the AHPBA at (407) 647-8839.

The Research Committee of the AHPBA will review the applications and determine the recipients. An AHPBA Research Award Rating form detailing the evaluation criteria is provided for your benefit.

***Award Recipients – Mandatory Meeting Attendance***

Award recipients will be required to attend the 2013 AHPBA Annual Meeting. During the Business Meeting you will be introduced as the 2012 Research Grant recipient and will be asked to give a brief overview of your research. At the 2014 Annual Meeting, your paper with the summary of the completed work, will be included as an Oral Podium Presentation. Failure to attend the meetings will result in the obligation to refund the granted money.