

The Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for the SOAP/Kybele international outreach grant. The application deadline will be April 7, 2017 with expected funding of the grant in spring/summer 2017.

The goal of this program is to provide funding needed to get involved with international outreach projects and encourage research in collaboration with host countries with the goal of enhancing the practice of obstetric anesthesia in those countries.

The SOAP/ Kybele International Outreach Grant will provide \$ 5000 to cover travel and related expenses for two trips to a country where a Kybele or another outreach program is ongoing.

A. Guidelines for Applications:

This award is intended for initiating research that will advance the practice of obstetric anesthesia in a country where a Kybele or another outreach program initiated by a SOAP member is conducted. Information about current Kybele programs can be obtained at <http://www.kybeleworldwide.org/>.

Specific requirements are:

1. The applicant must be a member of SOAP in good standing with a commitment to obstetric anesthesia.
2. A proposal for a research project to be conducted in one of the countries where a Kybele or another outreach program is currently active. It is anticipated that some applicants may have a specific research project in mind, while others might not yet have a concrete plan. Potential projects could cover a wide range of topics such as clinical studies, public health policy, or database formation and improvement of infrastructure. If the applicant has some concrete ideas for a research project, these should be delineated, with the understanding that input of the host physicians will be a large part of the final iteration of any research effort. Otherwise, a general description of a potential feasible project should be outlined. Interested individuals should discuss potential research projects with team leaders before applying and should specify the site of planned work.
3. The successful applicant will be expected to be involved in two trips to the selected country where the project is conducted over a period of two years.
4. The research must be conducted in the country where a Kybele or another outreach program initiated by a SOAP member is conducted.
5. All applications must be accompanied by a letter from the applicant's Department Chair or Chair's designee. The letter must address the applicant's suitability for the program (ability to teach, adapt, initiate and complete a research project, and be flexible). The letter must also confirm the

department's commitment to granting the time needed to fulfill the requirements of the grant.

6. An annual progress report must be submitted to the SOAP International Outreach Committee.
7. The applicant is required to submit work resulting from this grant for consideration for presentation at an annual SOAP meeting.
8. Any publications or presentations resulting from this funding should contain a statement that such work was "funded by the SOAP/ Kybele international outreach grant".

B. Application Format:

All documents should be in 12-point font (Arial or Times Roman preferred). Microsoft Word format, with at least 0.75-inch margins.

1. A letter from the chair of the department confirming the department commitment to granting the time needed to fulfill the requirements of the grant.
2. If the applicant is a fellow, a letter from the fellowship director is needed highlighting the fellow's suitability for the program.
3. Curriculum Vitae of the applicant.
4. One page highlighting previous experience and motivation for seeking the grant.
5. 1-3 page for a proposed research project. This should include the following sections:
 - a. Title
 - b. Specific aims
 - c. Significance
 - d. Methods
 - e. Anticipated impact
 - f. Potential collaborators
 - g. Country of proposed work
6. Letters of support: letter of support from at least one SOAP member with international outreach experience. The letter must address the applicant's suitability for the program (ability to teach, adapt, initiate and complete on a research project, and be flexible).
7. Budget

C. Terms:

1. Funds will be disbursed on a yearly basis.
2. The application and accompanying letters should be sent electronically as a word attachment to an email by April 7, 2017. Supporting letters may be sent by email from the email accounts of the letter writers (not the applicant), or hard copies mailed to the address below. Applications will be evaluated by the appropriate SOAP Committees and recommendations made to the SOAP

Board of Directors. It is anticipated that an award decision will be made at the SOAP Annual Meeting in May 2017.

Submit application materials to:

By Email:

soap@soap.org (please include "SOAP/ Kybele International Outreach Grant" in the subject line)

By Mail:

Attn: SOAP/ Kybele International Outreach Grant
Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology
6737 W. Washington St., Suite 4210
Milwaukee, WI 53214

Please contact SOAP with questions at:

414-389-8611

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