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Jean L. Fourcroy M.D. Research Award

The Jean L. Fourcroy, M.D. Research Award was established to honor Dr. Fourcroy's efforts in changing the face of medicine. Dr. Jean L. Fourcroy was the first female to be admitted into and to complete the George Washington University (GW) School of Medicine Department of Urology Residency program. Dr. Fourcroy's unwavering perseverance and courage paved the way for women in Urology, and the George Washington University School of Medicine is eager to pay tribute to her exceptional work by perpetuating her legacy.

Jean Fourcroy, M.D., Ph.D, M.P.H. not only realized her dream of becoming a physician, but also completed her Ph.D. dissertation during her surgical internship in 1977. Three years later she became board-certified in urology, the fifth such female physician in the United States and the first at George Washington University. She rounded out her academic training with a master's degree in public health from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1999. A captain in the U.S. Navy, Fourcroy became an academic urologist at Bethesda Naval Hospital from 1980 to 1985.

In 1992, Dr. Fourcroy helped to establish the Society of Women in Urology. In 1999, she received the Camille Mermod Award from the American Medical Women's Association for which she served as president in 1995. Dr. Fourcroy was also the past president of the Federation of Professional Women and the National Council on Women in Medicine. In 1996 she was named the Woman of the Year by the Women's Medical Association of New York City. She worked as a medical officer with the Food and Drug Administration, with the Drug Enforcement Agency, and was on the board of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. Dr. Fourcroy also received the Presidential Citation Award in 1998 and an Outstanding Service Award in 2000 from the American Urologic Association.

In recognition of her fierce determination, as well as her guidance as a role model for women and men entering the field of urology, GW School of Medicine created The Jean L. Fourcroy M.D. Research Award in 2012, thanks to a generous gift from Dr. Fourcroy and her husband Armin Behr. In 2016, Dr. Fourcroy passed peacefully, however, her legacy remains.

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The Jean L. Fourcroy Research Award was established to support research activities of medical students and residents with an interest in Urology. A limited number of awards no greater than $2500 will be awarded. Requirements for the award are included in the application. Recipients should submit applications no later than **April 15, 2027.** *Students applying for other scholarships (i.e. Gill Fellowship or Health Services Scholarship) are invited to apply, but receipt of another scholarship forfeits the ability to receive the Fourcroy award.*

TIMELINE:

April 15, 2027: Application Deadline

May 1, 2027: Fourcroy Research Awardee will be announced

December 31, 2027: Manuscript & proof of submission for publication to peer-reviewed journal

Please contact Dr. Michael Whalen with any questions at:

mwhalen@mfa.gwu.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2027

Submit application via email to:

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences department of Urology established the Jean L. Fourcroy M.D. Research Award to support research activities of medical students and residents who demonstrate a commitment to advancing urologic care, research, and education. The Jean L. Fourcroy M.D. Research Award will provide funding for exceptional research projects in urology. A limited number of awards no greater than $2500 will be awarded.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- The content of the research project will be substantive in scope and educational value with well-defined objectives and intended outcomes.
- The proposed research will have the support of a mentor.
- The project and proposed research objectives or intended outcome must be achievable within a reasonable time frame that is noted within the application.

ELIGIBILITY

- Medical students with an interest in Urology
- Residents with an interest in Urology
- Good academic standing *(the award is contingent upon the student's good academic standing throughout the duration of the accepted program)*

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide **one** copy of the following:

- ☐ Completed application (page 5 of this packet):

- ☐ Brief Project Description of no more than 3 pages to include the following:
  - Project Description
    - Brief background and overview of project
    - Objectives (outcomes-based, measurable)
    - Project structure
    - Timeline of project

  - Educational Value
    - Explain what impact your project will have on the healthcare community

- Explain how you will use this project to further your educational and career goals

- Mentor Support
  - Provide CV of mentor
  - Describe the role that your mentor will play in helping you achieve your objectives for this project
  - Describe how the fund's will be utilized

☐ Applicant's CV

☐ Written verification of mentorship from mentor (can be an email sent to applicant from mentor)

SELECTION CRITERIA

A committee of reviewers will be evaluating your project proposal according to the following criteria:

- Quality and organization of the proposed project
  - Objectives are clearly defined
  - The project is designed to successfully achieving objectives within the proposed time frame (Consideration may be given to exceptional projects requiring completion outside of proposed time frame with firm plans for completion)

- Educational value of proposed project
  - The project has a strong scholarly component
  - The project will positively impact the healthcare community
  - The project contributes to the student's educational and career goals

- Mentor support
  - The project is designed to include sufficient support/infrastructure from a mentor
  - The scholar provides evidence of acceptance and/or communication with project mentor

AWARD CRITERIA

- An original research manuscript submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
  - The manuscript and proof of submission for publication is due by the end of the year.
- A presentation for a group which may include donors, as well as members of the Dean's Office, award selection committee, students, or others may be scheduled.
- A completed evaluation by the mentor of the scholar's performance will be required.
- Presentation of a poster on your research at the GWU Research Day in the spring semester

Please contact Dr. Michael Whalen with any questions at:
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Applicant's Information	
Name	
Title/Area of Study	
Address	
Contact Information	Phone: E-Mail:
Project Title	

Mentor's Information	
Name	
Title	
Department	
Address	
Contact Information	Phone: E-Mail: