THE ALAN GLEITSMAN STUDENT RESEARCH FUND IN PALLIATIVE CARE – AWARD OVERVIEW

The Alan Gleitsman Student Research Fund in Palliative Care provides financial support of $3,000 for a medical student’s summer learning with the Palliative Research Center (PaRC) and the Section of Palliative Care and Medical Ethics at the University of Pittsburgh. Students will work with a faculty mentor on a research or scholarly project of their choice related to palliative care. Projects can be conducted remotely or students may choose to spend the summer in Pittsburgh. For ideas about potential research projects and mentors to work with, visit pallcare.pitt.edu.

All medical students are eligible to apply for support from the Alan Gleitsman Student Research Fund in Palliative Care. Candidates from underrepresented minority backgrounds and institutions that do not have a palliative care program will be given priority for this award. While students typically have the most flexibility for summer projects between their first and second year, more senior students who are devoting elective time to their Scholarly Projects should also consider an application. Only U.S. residents are eligible to receive the stipend and current University of Pittsburgh employees are not eligible to receive the stipend.

Interested applicants should email Lindsay Bell at lfb8@pitt.edu for help in identifying an appropriate faculty mentor to match your interests.

**Deadline:** April 1, 2021. **Awards in mid-May 2021.** Applications (see page 2) should be sent to Lindsay Bell at lfb8@pitt.edu.
To apply for an award from the Alan Gleitsman Student Research Fund in Palliative Care, students should submit a proposal of a maximum of two single-spaced pages, consisting of the following sections:

1. **Purpose** Explain the overall goals and objectives of the summer learning experience you envision with the Palliative Care Program. If your primary interest is in research, describe the research question that you are interested in pursuing, and explain how the research is related to your overall plans for medical school and for your medical career.

2. **Background and Significance.** Describe the background, context, and previous studies that are the foundation for your proposed project. Explain why the questions you are interested in are important. How will answering your research questions lead to improved care for patients and families?

3. **Methods** Describe the methods you plan to use to collect primary data, or to analyze secondary data in order to help you answer your research questions. Describe any
special arrangements you will need to make to gain access to a study population or data set, and include documentation that these arrangements will be in place for your project. Describe any special qualifications or skills you have acquired through your education and training that will help you to carry out your project.

4. **Deliverable(s):** Provide the deliverables for your proposed project. Deliverables can include a manuscript draft, a poster, a description of the QI/educational experience, a piece of journalism, or a thought piece.

5. **Mentor** Indicate the faculty member who has agreed to serve as your research mentor, and include a letter from him or her stating this. To locate a list of palliative care faculty go to [http://www.dept-med.pitt.edu/dgim/spc/](http://www.dept-med.pitt.edu/dgim/spc/) or [pallcare.pitt.edu](http://pallcare.pitt.edu).

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