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TO: Residency Program Directors

RE: Scholarship Opportunity for Residents and Faculty Teams:
2023 CSAM Addiction Medicine Review Course and
MERF Mentored Learning Experience

Here is a great way to provide your residents and faculty with the hours and content needed to meet the new DEA Requirements AND increase training and education in addiction medicine in your program and for your patients! Please help spread the word about the 2023 MERF Scholars opportunities for the CSAM Addiction Medicine Review Course and MERF mentored learning experience from **August 30- September 2, 2023** at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, San Diego CA. Details about the Conference can be found at <https://csam-asam.org/csam2023/>. Scholarship application forms and information is at <https://merfweb.org/traditional-merf-scholarships/>.

The deadline for submitting an application is May 12, 2023.

Interested residents, program directors, and all faculty members who teach and supervise residents in your program are invited to apply for the MERF Scholars program to participate in the 4-day Mentored Learning Experience with quarterly Journal Clubs and meetings throughout the year leading to completion of scholarly projects.

Due to minimal external/grant support in 2023, we are limited in how many scholarships that MERF will be able to fund internally. Priority will be given to those MERF Scholar-applicants who have full or partial funding through their institution or program. Should you be selected as Scholar, the benefits will include reduced rate registration for the CSAM Conference, as well as the half-day preconference workshop - "Motivational Interviewing for Busy Clinicians and Educators" and other MERF activities during the conference. Travel and lodging costs may be covered, however, this will be determined once we have our full slate of MERF Scholars selected.

Scholarship recipients are required to be present for all MERF pre-conference orientation sessions, the opening lunch meeting, the Motivational Interviewing workshop and throughout the entire Conference. Scholars earn CME and receive a "Certificate of Completion." Following the conference, MERF Scholars are expected to participate in the quarterly Journal Club meetings/conference calls. Scholarly projects completed over the course of the year can meet ACGME requirements for scholarly activity for residents and faculty, and can be presentations at the 2024 CSAM Conference.

Please forward this information to all who might be interested. All applications are submitted through the www.merfweb.org website and must be completed by May 12, 2023. Please note: letters from the program director are required and must be submitted with the application.

For details regarding the benefits of being a MERF Scholar and what is expected of MERF Scholars, please visit the MERF website at www.merfweb.org.

Please let us know if you have any questions at merfadmin@gmail.com.

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is to prevent the harm being
done to patients
by physicians and other
health professionals by
bridging the gap in
knowledge, skill and
commitment in recognizing
and treating people with
substance use disorders.*

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