

The Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship

A Career Development Award for Academic Periodontists



PURPOSE OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship was established to recognize and reward the best and brightest scientific and clinical minds with a demonstrated facility for teaching and to encourage these individuals to pursue an academic career in periodontology. It supports the belief that the future of the profession is in the classrooms and clinics today. Today's students are reflections of the personal example of excellence demonstrated by our representatives in the schools. The Tarrson Fellowship seeks to enhance the top-quality instruction already provided by continuing to attract gifted students and clinicians to academic positions through financial support.

SPECIFICS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship will provide directly to the recipient \$12,000 annually for 3 years, for a total award of \$36,000 per individual. Recipients will be asked to provide a report regarding career and educational activities to share with the donors and Foundation Board.

BACKGROUND

A philanthropist, like a teacher, can affect eternity as well. This is what Mr. Bud Tarrson set out to achieve. As an industrialist, he established himself as a leader in the science and technology of prevention in fighting all forms of dental diseases and conditions. The former president and owner of the John O. Butler Company earned a reputation for product, sales, and service excellence by working in partnership with dentistry and its specialists to serve the oral health needs of the public. In gratitude for his personal success, he took the initiative to give something back to dentistry and has done so through his many contributions to education. Following Bud's death Linda continued to champion the couple's concern for oral health. The Tarrson Fellowship represents the Tarrsons' gift to countless generations of dentists and the people they serve. It is the Tarrsons' gesture of philanthropy, which will continue the legacy of helping to provide the best quality services to both patients and students.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates for the Fellowship must be either a full-time or part-time faculty member at the instructor or assistant level. In any case, the individual must be affiliated with a U.S. training institution for 10 years or less. The career goal for the candidate must be teaching and research in periodontology. Finalists must be available for a personal interview immediately prior to the start of the AAP meeting at the meeting location. The award is not to be used to replace support that would have normally been provided by the recipient's institution. The award should be considered a supplement to any salary, stipend or research support.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT

Application Form

Completed applications must be received by the Foundation on or before May 1. The application may be completed online and e-mailed as an attachment with supporting documentation mailed separately, or all of the following materials may be mailed with the application.

Letter of Nomination

A letter of nomination signed by the applicant's periodontal program director. This letter should address the applicant's scholarship, academic and clinical strengths, as well as potential for a leadership role in teaching. Only one nomination per training institution will be accepted. If the applicant reaches the level of finalist, members of the selection committee may call writers of recommendation letters and individuals mentioned by name in the applicant's personal statements and/or application letters.

Recommendations

Provide the committee with 3 letters of recommendation. One of the recommendations must come from someone outside the nominating institution. These letters should address the applicant's ability and potential in research and in teaching, and suggest what contributions he/she might make to the growth and development of the field of periodontology.

Curriculum Vitae

A copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae.

Personal Statement

Prepare a statement of approximately 400-500 words that answers the following questions.

- What is your approach to teaching?
- What do you bring to an academic career?
- Which teacher proved to be the greatest influence over your career and why?

This personal statement should make reference to your service to the American Academy of Periodontology and/or the university, such as committee appointments.

Materials Required

Please provide the following materials.

- Completed Application Form
- Letter of Nomination
- Recommendations
- Curriculum Vitae
- Personal Statement

TARRSON FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Must be received by AAP Foundation by May 1

Complete form online, save, and e-mail as an attachment to *AAPF_ED@perio.org*.

Mail supporting documentation to:

The Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship / AAP Foundation
737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60611-6660

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Evening phone _____ Daytime phone _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

SS# _____

Current Status (check one):

Full-time faculty, instructor level Full-time faculty, assistant level Part-time faculty

Nominating Institution _____

Periodontal program _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chairperson _____ Phone _____

Dean _____ Phone _____

Candidate nominated by _____ Periodontal Program Director

Date _____

Questions? Please contact:

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