2017 Queenan Fellowships for Global Health Recipients

Megan Foeller, MD, MPH, a second-year MFM Fellow at Stanford University, has been selected as the 2017 International Agency Fellow and will spend six months in Geneva in 2018. While there, she will be involved in multicenter research projects and international guideline development on key maternal and perinatal health areas. She has a long-standing interest in infectious diseases in pregnancy and aspirations to help reduce the impact of infectious disease in low-resource communities worldwide.

Rebekah McCurdy, MD, MPH, a third-year MFM Fellow at Thomas Jefferson University, has been selected as the 2017 Visiting Teaching Fellow and will spend two months at Koutiala Women and Babies Hospital in Koutiala, Mali in 2018. She will interact with their staff through lectures, presentations and low-cost simulations in high-risk obstetrics relevant to resource-limited settings. She is motivated to teach not only because of compassion, but because mentoring others is key to sustainable change.

Read more about the work of past Queenan Fellows and watch videos from the 2017 Global Health Forum at the SMFM Annual Meeting.

Scholars Retreat 2017

The Foundation’s three current SMFM/AAOGF Research Scholarship recipients participated in the annual Scholars Retreat from July 27-29, along with several members of the Scholarly Activities Committee. The retreat was held at the University of Colorado and included invited lectures, presentations by all current scholars, workshops for scholars, as well as mentoring and networking opportunities.

“The meeting in Denver was wonderful. It was such a pleasure to get to know the faculty and scholars, and to hear about the work the other scholars are doing.”
- Adetola Louis-Jacques, 1st year SMFM/AAOGF Scholar
Why I Give

So much has changed during my career. When I began, there was no ultrasound - twins were diagnosed either by x-ray in the third trimester or when after delivery of a newborn the uterus was still occupied. Labor and delivery, quite frankly, is not dramatically different - fewer forceps deliveries, but there never will be minimally invasive assisted births - but prenatal care barely resembles the '70s. Knowledge and innovation lead to better medical care, and research spurns advances in knowledge and innovation. This is why I support the Foundation for SMFM, and I would strongly urge others to think of the Foundation when contemplating their philanthropic gifts.

Support the Foundation in 2017!

Help the Foundation reach our goal of receiving donations from 500 members of SMFM in 2017. We’re celebrating 25 years of training physician scientists in maternal-fetal medicine and you can show your support and join the 337 members who’ve already contributed. In addition, you’ll receive the Literature Alert for 12 months if you make a minimum donation of $100. Your generosity allows us to advance care in pregnancy through research and education and is an investment in the future of maternal-fetal medicine.

Hear Dr. Yoel Sadovsky and Dr. Michal Elovitz explain why your support matters.

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Why I Give

I give to the Foundation for SMFM to advance the field of maternal-fetal medicine. Through research scholarships, educational retreats, and experiential learning opportunities the Foundation makes better MFMs. For me the Fellows Retreat is one of the most impactful programs of the Foundation and the Society. It allows first year MFM fellows to engage with each other and leaders in the field about research, career development, and life balance. The retreat laid the foundation for a successful fellowship for me and continues to serve as a guide for my career. Supporting the programs funded by the Foundation for SMFM ensures that
The 8th Annual Fellows Retreat, hosted by the Foundation and SMFM, will be held October 28-30 at Eaglewood Resort, just 12 miles West of O'Hare International Airport in Itasca, IL. This wonderful opportunity for education and networking is known as a highlight of the fellowship experience. First-year MFM fellows can register here.

Illumina has joined the Corporate Council in 2017 and we thank them for their investment in the future of maternal-fetal medicine!

A list of current Corporate Council members and details about benefits can be found here.