October 30, 2023

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please find enclosed the announcement for the William B. Bean Student Research Award sponsored by the American Osler Society. This award supports medical student research in medical history and medical humanities.

We would appreciate if you would share this information with your students and, if possible, post the announcement for the William B. Bean Student Research Award in a location that maximizes its exposure to medical students.

This award is an excellent opportunity for medical students to engage in supported research with a mentor.

Students may apply for the Bean Award via the Osler Society website, which provides additional information: www.americanosler.org.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at BeanCommittee@americanosler.org.

Sincerely,

John Harris, Jr., M.D.

Chair, William B. Bean Student Research Award Committee
American Osler Society

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Enclosure
William B. Bean Student Research Award

Supporting Medical Student Research in Medical History and Medical Humanities

- Candidates must be current students at accredited medical schools in the U.S. or Canada.
- The research award is $1,500.
- Successful applicants may be invited to present their research findings at a meeting of the American Osler Society
- The deadline for applications is March 1, 2024.

William B. Bean, M.D.
Dr. Bean was the first president of the American Osler Society and, like Dr. Osler, was an outstanding physician, educator, humanist, and historian.

William Osler, M.D.
At the time of his death, Sir William Osler (1849-1919) was the most well-known physician in the English-speaking world. The American Osler Society was founded in 1970 to memorialize and perpetuate the just and charitable life, intellectual resourcefulness, and ethical example of William Osler.

The American Osler Society is seeking student projects that expand our knowledge of medical history and the use of literature and the arts to improve medical practice for its annual William B. Bean Student Research Award. Projects can be literature research or active studies in medical education and practice. While certainly important, we are not seeking projects confined to medical ethics.

The Bean Award Committee considers the following criteria in evaluating proposals:

1. Appropriateness – advances medical history or uses humanities to improve education or practice.
2. Originality – explores new territory.
3. Attainability – has clear and achievable goals.
4. Scholarship – shows understanding of relevant work.

Applicants should submit their proposal via the Osler Society website: www.americanosler.org, which provides further information about the Award. Applications may be submitted after November 1, 2023, and applicants must also arrange for a faculty sponsor for their project, who must submit a letter of support via the website before the application deadline (March 1, 2024). We will notify applicants of the Society’s decision by May 31, 2024.