



Drs. R.M Varma – K.S Mani – Setti S Rengachary (VMR) Scholarship Program

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

This scholarship program was established in honor of Dr. R.M. Varma, Dr. K.S. Mani and Dr. Setti S. Rengachary and will assist Neuroscience residents who want to complete an International Educational Experience.

Awarded annually, this scholarship provides up to \$5000 for an international elective rotation for a period of 1 month. The funds can be used to pay for living and travel expenses associated with the experience as well as to cover any international tuition, medical travel insurance and other fees as approved.

RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY

Candidacy for the scholarship is open to all KU neurology and neurosurgery residents except those in the last year of training. The scholarship fund will be available for use in the 12-month period following notification. The country of study must be different than the country of residence and applicants should not have had prior formal medical training experience in the intended country. Exceptions will be made for candidates from psychiatry and basic neurosciences.

The proposed experience must meet the Office of Graduate Medical Education (GME) and the Office of International Programs (OIP) policies regarding international experiences. Scholarship recipients will be required to complete the GME International Resident Elective application packet.

DIRECTIONS

Completed applications should be submitted with the required documentation and information as listed on page 4 to kconnelly@kumc.edu.

VMR Selection Committee

Kimberly Connelly
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The VMR Selection Committee will consider the originality and quality of the applicant's proposal, the thoroughness with which the plan for a period abroad has been designed, personal attributes, and the quality of the research environment.

The winning applicant will be notified in June and will be expected to implement the scholarship within 12 months following notification. A formal announcement of the award will be made on Graduation day in June.



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Name: _____

Address (at which you receive mail): _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Proposed Country of Study: _____

Proposed Host Institution: _____

Expected elective date: _____

(If known)

Sponsor Name _____ **Title:** _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:** _____

College: _____

Degree: _____

Date Completed: _____



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Medical School: _____

Date Completed: _____

Residency: _____

Program director: _____

Residency Year: _____

Program Coordinator: _____

Awards, Honors or Other Fellowships (include date completed):

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Personal statement including any previous international medical experiences. (maximum one page)
2. Current/previous research interests. (maximum one page)
3. Proposed plan that includes the following: purpose, location, faculty or onsite advisor (if known), research topic and/or learning objectives. (maximum one page)
4. Proposed budget. (Template can be found on the last page of application packet.)
5. How will your proposed plan for the VMR scholarship help you attain your goals in neurosciences or enhance your future practice? (maximum one page)
6. Essay on topic of your choosing related to an historical perspective or current medical issue in neuroscience in the sponsor country and America. (Maximum one page)
7. Include your current CV and your photograph (black & white, no larger than 5” x 7”) with this application.
8. Three letters of reference are required, one of which should be from your program director.

Name of Reference	Institution

**APPLICATION AND LETTERS OF REFERENCE MUST BE RECEIVED
BY MAY**

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD WILL BE MADE BY JUNE

I have reviewed this application for the Drs. R.M Varma – K.S Mani – Setti S Rengachary (VMR) Scholarship Application and to the best of my knowledge the information enclosed is accurate. It is understood that the decision as to whether this application qualifies me for approval and/or funding rests solely and exclusively with the VMR Committee and that their decision is final. I understand and agree that upon my return I will make a presentation on interesting cases and research outcomes from my international experience. I also understand that failure to complete the rotation will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.