**Studies of Pediatric Liver Transplantation**

Grant for Fellows and Junior Faculty to Attend the SPLIT 2019 Annual Meeting

**Purpose**

To further the interest in pediatric liver transplantation research in fellows and junior faculty who have expressed an interest in a career in pediatric liver transplantation. This will be fostered through the exposure to the SPLIT program and Principal Investigators (PI) at the SPLIT Annual Meeting, connect with a community of mentors, and present their research and contributions to the field of pediatric liver transplantation. Awardees will be expected to attend the SPLIT annual meeting and present their research in either poster or platform form during the meeting.

This award program includes the following components:
- Free SPLIT Annual Meeting registration
- Grant for reimbursable travel expenses up to $750 to attend SPLIT
- Networking opportunities at SPLIT

**Eligibility**

Applicants must be SPLIT members

*Fellow:*
- Be a fellow at an accredited pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, transplant hepatology or transplant surgery fellowship program.
- Have an expressed interest in pediatric liver transplantation

*Junior Faculty:*
- Be a faculty member in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, transplant hepatology or transplant surgery not more than 3 years from the completion of their fellowship at the time of the annual SPLIT meeting.
- Have an expressed interest in pediatric liver transplantation

**Documentation**

Documentation for application should include:
- Personal Statement of not more than 1 page (Font size 11 that describes the applicant’s personal goals relating to pediatric liver transplantation
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- A letter of recommendation from the SPLIT center PI or from the fellowship director for fellows and department or section head for junior faculty
- Research Abstract: Abstracts should be no more than 350 words and include 1 Figure or Table.

  - Original research abstracts should include: Title, Background, Research Design/Methods, Results, and Conclusions.
  - Case report abstracts should include: Introduction, Summary of Case Report Details, Discussion and Implications for Future Practice.
  - Quality improvement and program development abstracts should: Introduction, Purpose, Detailed Summary, and Conclusion

**Evaluation Criteria**

The applicants will be reviewed by the SPLIT Education Committee. Applicants will be scored 1-5 (low to high) in regards to:
- Clinical Potential in Pediatric Liver Transplantation
- Commitment to Pediatric Liver Transplantation
- Academic Potential in Pediatric Liver Transplantation
- Research Abstract
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Candidates will then be ranked by score (fellows and junior faculty will be ranked separately, if funds allow). The Education Committee will take into account whether there is more than one applicant per center, with the priority given to having broad representation across centers. **Priority will be given to applicants who have not received this award previously.** Applicants will be notified by mid July 2019. Accepted applicants will be expected to submit an abstract for poster presentation at the meeting. The highest rated applicants will present their abstract during the meeting. Please see the “Abstracts” section on the website at [www.splitannualmeeting.com](http://www.splitannualmeeting.com).

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Please submit your application along with letters of recommendation through the website – [www.splitannualmeeting.com](http://www.splitannualmeeting.com).

**Applications must be received by June 14, 2019.**

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