

## The William D. Owens Anesthesiology Research Fellowship Award Program

### Call for Applications

This endowed fund was generously established in 1997 in honor of Dr. William D. Owens, the second chair of the WUSM Department of Anesthesiology (WUDA).

The primary mission is to support a WUDA trainee for a two-year clinical research or basic research fellowship. The goal is to provide support for activities that will uniquely accelerate the PI's research program by providing resources needed to collect critical preliminary data in support of future grant applications. While PI salary is not allowed, the award can include stipends or salaries for research technicians, coordinators, students, research supplies, animal expenses, statistical services, computer programs, conference travel, WU tuition for research-related courses (grant writing, statistics, study design, etc.), publication fees, small equipment <\$5,000, and other expenses for the fellow's research/training as approved by Dr. Gereau.

**Applications are due February 02, 2026, by 5 p.m. (CST). Page limit: one page. Applicants should explain how they propose, if funded, to use the Owens award to further their research training, a project, and/or next steps in their research career. Please also include a short budget and justification of expenses and a NIH formatted biosketch; email one combined pdf to Yolanda Trevino-Parsons at [tyolanda@wustl.edu](mailto:tyolanda@wustl.edu).**

#### **Eligibility:**

Full time postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, residents, and clinical fellows with at least two years left in their training program. While preference is given to trainees, the selection committee will also consider applications from instructor or assistant professor-level faculty without independent grant support (excluding mentored / career development awards) seeking to support new research projects. Consistent with the spirit of the Owens fund, priority will be given to projects with a clinical focus.

**Please note:** *Applications can only have one PI and funds must stay within WUDA; exceptions can be made for fee-based services like statistical support, etc. Any other requests for exception approval should be emailed to Dr. Gereau at [gereaur@wustl.edu](mailto:gereaur@wustl.edu).*

#### **Awards:**

The Owens Fellowship selection committee will award one individual up to \$30,000 (**direct costs**) for two years. Any PI wishing to use these funds to support a project that involves animals or human subjects must have appropriate institutional regulatory approvals (IRB, IACUC) before funds will be made available. In general, the award date will not be extended due to delays in receiving regulatory approvals; therefore, PIs are encouraged to have paperwork in process or completed in advance.

#### **Deadline and Review Process:**

Applicants are due on or before **February 02, 2026, by 5 p.m. (CST)**.

#### **Questions?**

Contact Robert Gereau, PhD, at [gereaur@wustl.edu](mailto:gereaur@wustl.edu) and copy Yolanda Trevino-Parsons at [tyolanda@wustl.edu](mailto:tyolanda@wustl.edu).

The Selection Committee will make final award decisions and the start date for the award will be June 01, 2026.

Terms of Awards: Awardees will be required to submit an annual progress report describing how the funds have been used after the first year, as well as related publications and any external grant funding secured. Acceptance of funds implies a firm commitment to provide this progress report to the committee in a timely manner. It is expected that the awardee will completely utilize all funds awarded during the two-year term of the award. All unexpended funds at the end of the term will be returned to the Owens fund.