The Martin-Peterson Global Health Scholar Award

Overview
The Martin-Peterson Global Health Scholar Award was created in late 2016 with a lead gift from ACOG Past President James N. Martin, Jr., MD. The Award honors Dr. Peterson’s lifelong dedication to improving the health care of all women globally, his leadership in the initiation of the ACOG Global Operations Advisory Group in 2011 which continues to this day, the respect and admiration that the world ob/gyn community holds for him as an advocate for women’s health worldwide, and the need to support activities to enhance the role and recognition of ACOG as the foremost advocate for women's health in this country and abroad.

Purpose
The Martin-Peterson Global Health Scholar Award recognizes an obstetrician-gynecologist with outstanding ability from a low or middle income country, who is already in the United States under the auspices of a formal hospital or university program, with the purpose of exposing the recipient to ACOG and all its resources. Building bridges between ACOG and ob-gyns throughout the world community at an early stage in their careers will likely be beneficial both to ACOG and to the Award recipient over their lifetimes.

Award and Recognition
While in the United States, the winning scholar will be invited, at a mutually convenient time, to Washington, DC, to learn in-depth about our organization and its mission for the betterment of women’s health care. Additional meetings and briefings with representatives of federal programs and agencies, Congressional representatives, and partner organizations will be arranged as appropriate and specific to the scholar’s specialty and interest. The winner may also be asked to brief ACOG staff on the challenges in his or her home healthcare setting as well as on other areas of interest.

The Peterson Award will provide a winning scholar with round-trip airfare from US-host-program location, three-nights' accommodation in Washington, DC, and per diem.
Nominations and Selection Process
Eligible visiting ob/gyns will be nominated by the program director, faculty member of a university partner, ob/gyn department or professional association. A selection committee will be appointed by the College, in consultation with Dr. Martin, to make final selection of the winner. Travel to the US and accommodations related to host hospital and university program are the responsibility of the host hospital, university program or individual global health scholar.

Nomination process 2019
- Nomination period open: July 1 – September 30
- Nomination review period: October 1 – 31
- Nomination offer: November 1
- Nomination acceptance deadline: November 15
- Award activity: December 9 – 13, 2019

Nomination Application (due September 30, 2019)*
The following information must be submitted by the Award application deadline to be considered for The Martin-Peterson Global Health Scholar Award:
- Nominee’s Name, Contact Information, Email, Phone number
- Nominee’s host hospital and university program
- Nominee’s Current CV
- Nominee’s one-page personal statement summarizing prior experience in global and public health and expressing long-term career goals in relation to global health
- Nominator’s letter of recommendation

Nomination information should be mailed to Office of Global Women’s Health, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 409 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20004, U.S.A., or emailed to gwh@acog.org, with the subject line Martin-Peterson Global Health Award.

* The Nomination information may be submitted by the nominee or the nominator or both, but must be complete by September 30, 2019.