**Grant for Fellows and Junior Faculty to Attend**

The SPLIT 2015 Annual Meeting

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| 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. |
| Eligibility |
| *Fellow:*   1. Be a fellow at an ACGME or Canadian accredited pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, transplant hepatology or transplant surgery fellowship program. 2. Have an expressed interest in pediatric liver transplantation   *Junior Faculty:*   1. 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. 2. Have an expressed interest in pediatric liver transplantation |
| Documentation |
| Documentation for application should include:   1. Personal Statement of not more than 1 typewritten page that describes the applicant’s personal goals relating to pediatric liver transplantation 2. 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 |
| Evaluation Criteria |
| The applicants will be reviewed by the SPLIT Education Committee. Applicants will be scored 1-5 (high to low) in regards to:   1. Interest in Pediatric Liver Transplantation 2. Commitment to Research 3. Academic Potential   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. Applicants will be notified within 2 weeks of application. Accepted applicants will be expected to submit an abstract for poster presentation at the meeting. Please see the “Abstracts” section on the website at [www.splitannualmeeting.com](http://www.splitannualmeeting.com). Following attendance at the meeting, the successful grantees will furnish a written report to the Education Committee. |

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| Letter of Recommendation |
| Candidate Evaluation Issues to be addressed in the letter of recommendation:   1. How long have you known the candidate? 2. Please comment on the candidate’s interest in pediatric liver transplantation. 3. Please comment on the candidate’s exposure to pediatric liver transplantation and future training plans. 4. What are the perceived goals for the candidate from attending the SPLIT annual meeting? 5. Please comment on the long-term academic potential of the candidate. |

Please send your application along with letter of recommendation to the following address. Applications must be received by **June 26, 2015.** Notifications will be sent out by July 22, 2015.

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