

**ABFM (American Board of Family Medicine) Foundation's (ABFM-F)  
Montegut Global Scholars Program  
Policy and Procedures Effective January 1, 2024**

**Introduction:** The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). The ABFM's primary mission is to certify, for the public good, that its Diplomates have the knowledge and competence to practice the specialty of family medicine in the United States of America. The ABFM-F is a supporting organization of the ABFM. Its primary mission is to support the ABFM's research and scholarly activities.

The Montegut Global Scholars Program (MGSP) was established by the ABFM-F in April 2010. It was named in honor of Alain Montegut, M.D., a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) from 2005-2010 and whose career has been devoted to developing high quality family medicine practice internationally, especially in underserved and/or undeveloped countries.

The MGSP was established to foster international education, research, and collaboration in the specialty of family medicine. It will support the attendance of one family physician from each of the seven regions of the international organization of family physicians (WONCA) to their regional meetings or to the international meeting in the year when it is held. In years when the local region does not hold a meeting it will be permissible for the nominee from that region to use the scholarship to attend a meeting in another region. At the discretion of the regional office, the MGSP can be split between two candidates and the regional office can elect to nominate a candidate for a regional meeting at that scholarship amount (US\$ 3,300) instead of a candidate for the world conference.

**Funding:** The MGSP will provide a US \$3,300 scholarship for one (1) family physician selected from each of the seven (7) WONCA regions to attend their respective regional WONCA meetings. It will provide a US \$5,000 scholarship for the selectee from each region to attend the world conference of WONCA in 2025. The selected scholars are expected to devote the entire amount funded toward expenses related to attending the WONCA meeting for which s/he is chosen. Should additional funding be necessary for a selectee to attend any of the aforementioned meetings, the individual or his/her regional WONCA shall be responsible for the balance. Checks or a wire transfer, will be arranged with either the scholarship recipient or the respective regional WONCA treasurer/financial officer for distribution to the scholar. Banking information from the scholar recipient will be needed if wire transfer is arranged. The ABFM-F is only responsible to the regional WONCA offices and scholars for the set amount of the individual scholarships outlined above. It will not consider requests for supplemental funds for any respective scholarship, either in advance or after the fact.

**Scholar selection:** Applications will be sought and processed by the respective WONCA regional office. Where the local WONCA region does not have a committee structure or staff which allows for the identification, solicitation of interest from physicians, and the ultimate submission of the Application, the WONCA World Secretary or the WONCA World Nominating and Awards Committee will be empowered to assist. The nominee from the North American region should come from the Caribbean College of Family Physicians and should be approved by the North American President.

When the scholar is chosen by a respective WONCA region or WONCA World staff for a given WONCA meeting, a copy of that person's application and curriculum vitae will be forwarded by the appropriate WONCA representative via email to [President@abfmfoundation.org](mailto:President@abfmfoundation.org).

**The person chosen for the scholarship must be a family physician/general practitioner in good professional standing. It is suggested that the selectee be a physician involved with education, research and/or committed to improving the quality of family medical care in his/her region and be an early or mid-career physician. Furthermore, the selectee chosen should be a person whom under ordinary circumstances would not have the financial means to attend the referenced meetings, and is not part of the WONCA leadership in his/her region. The regional WONCA office should assure in advance that the person chosen for this scholarship possesses proper documents/credentials for international travel. Finally, it is suggested that the same individual not be chosen to attend more than one meeting offered by this scholar's program. The scholarship selectee should be informed that s/he is responsible for arranging the details (e.g., travel, lodging, etc.) for attending the meeting for which s/he has been chosen.**

**Scholar Responsibilities: In return for the scholarship, each scholar is required to submit a brief report (in English) after returning from a meeting in their own region or another region to the President of the ABFM-F detailing the "Lessons Learned" from the designated meeting that, going forward, could benefit that physician, his/her patients, residency training programs or trainees, or the specialty of family medicine in his/her region. In addition it is hoped that the report referenced above will outline two (2) or three (3) action items that s/he will implement in their region, practice, or training program as a result of attending the meeting.**

**It is our hope that the scholarship recipient can meet with ABFM physician leaders who are attending the regional or world meetings.**