



2018 AASLD-EASL MASTERCLASS

EVENT DATE: NOV 29 – DEC 1, 2018

EVENT LOCATION: ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Application Deadline: June 15, 2018, 11:59 PM Eastern

Description

The 2018 AASLD-EASL Masterclass provides a unique educational collaboration of clinical scientists from leading academic medical institutions from both sides of the Atlantic. Participants will attend a two-day intensive training session in Orlando, Florida, designed for future leaders in academic hepatology. The program will consist of academic lectures, interactive break-out sessions, individual meetings with tutors, abstract presentations and a poster session, and social events to give early-stage investigators (MD, PhD, or MD/PhD, or equivalent) the opportunity to network with world leaders in hepatology.

AASLD will provide complimentary registration, travel, and accommodation expenses for up to 15 candidates who are full members of AASLD to attend the Masterclass. EASL will also bring 10 early stage-investigator candidates from Europe to attend the Masterclass.

Masterclass Overview

To be held November 29 – December 1, 2018 in Orlando, Florida.

The Masterclass is designed to give promising early-stage investigators (junior faculty members) the opportunity to advance their careers in hepatology through a mix of scientific and professional workshops aimed at developing personal and professional skills. In addition to scientific sessions, the 2018 Masterclass will include leadership skills and ethics in science workshops, case-based presentations and discussions, an academic debate, and poster presentations. Attendance is limited to 25 participants.

MASTERCLASS CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS:

AASLD

Michael Fried, MD, FAASLD
Ronald J. Sokol, MD, FAASLD

EASL

Annalisa Berzigotti, MD, PhD
Massimo Pinzani, MD, FRCP, FAASLD

Eligibility & Requirements

To be eligible for this award, the applicant must fulfill all of the following criteria:

1. The applicant must reside in the United States, Canada or Mexico and be a full member in good standing of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) at the time of submission of the application and maintain their membership through the event.
2. The applicant must be a Junior Faculty member (Assistant Professor or equivalent) within the first 5 years of their first faculty appointment at a medical or research institution within North America (U.S., Canada or Mexico) at the time of application.
3. The applicant must have received as a Principal Investigator (by the time of the application) a major independent or mentored external research grant award from a federal agency (e.g., NIH, AHRQ, CDC, PCORI, VAH, NSF, CIHR, or equivalent) or Foundation (e.g., AASLD, AGA, ACG, ALF), including K01, K08, K23, KL2, K12, K99/R00, R21, R01, or equivalent awards. Start-up funding from the academic institution and Pilot Grant Awards are not considered major external research grant funding.
4. The applicant must be committed to and demonstrate early success in an academic scientific career.
5. The applicant must be able to travel to and attend the 2018 Masterclass, to be held November 29 – December 1, 2018 in Orlando, Florida.
6. The applicant must submit an abstract for presentation at the Masterclass.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based upon their training, commitment to hepatology, academic/research accomplishments, letters of support, and their potential as a future leader in hepatology. Review criteria will include:

- Prior and ongoing training
- Publication and Presentation track record
- Honors and awards
- Having received as a Principal Investigator an independent or mentored external research grant award from a federal agency (e.g., NIH, AHRQ, CDC, PCORI, NSF, CIHR, or equivalent) or Foundation (e.g., AASLD, AGA, ALF), including K01, K08, K23, KL2, K12, K99/R00, R21, R01, or equivalent awards. Start-up funding from the academic institution is not considered external research grant funding.
- Potential for successful career in academic hepatology
- Leadership potential

Applications will be reviewed based on the written materials submitted. **Incomplete applications and applications that fail to adhere strictly to the instructions (including the submission deadline and page limitations) will not be reviewed.** All decisions are final.

2018 AASLD-EASL Masterclass Application Instructions

1. Print or type responses.
2. Include only the required documents and provide signatures as requested.
3. Use 11 Point Arial font and margins no smaller than a half-inch.
4. Assemble the application package in the order listed in the Required Documents section below.
5. Be sure to adhere to page limits and complete all sections. Applications that do not meet the requirements, in content or format, will not be reviewed.
6. The completed application, letters of recommendation, and other documents as applicable must be combined into and submitted as one PDF document. Name the PDF file as follows: 2018 Masterclass - Last name, first name
(Example: 2018 Masterclass – Smith, Jane)

Submission

The application deadline for this application is **11:59 pm Eastern time, June 15, 2018**. **Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.**

Submit your application at www.aasld.org/masters. You will be sent an email confirmation that the PDF was received. If an email confirmation is not received in two (2) business days, please contact awards@asld.org to confirm receipt.

Required Documents

Submit only the documents listed below:

1. **Cover Page** – Using page 3 of this application, complete the requested information and sign.
2. **Applicant's Biosketch (Limit five pages)** – Provide a biographical sketch using the current NIH SF 424 Form <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>. *Be certain your grant funding information is up-to-date.*
3. **Candidate's Statement (Limit two pages)** – Describe the benefits of this opportunity to your academic/research career and your motivation for attending. Please highlight your previous accomplishments and future career goals.
4. **Two Letters of Recommendation (Limit one page each)** – Two letters of recommendation, one from the applicant's Division Chief/Department Chair and one from the applicant's Mentor, attesting to the candidate's qualifications, commitment to hepatology, quality of work, and leadership potential should be submitted with the application.
5. **Abstract** – Provide your research presentation abstract using page 4 of this application.
6. **Area of Clinical Focus (MDs only)** – Provide your area of clinical focus on page 4 of this application.

Selection Notifications

Selection notifications for this opportunity will be sent no later than August 15, 2018



APPLICATION FOR THE 2018 AASLD-EASL MASTERCLASS

Applicant (last, first, middle initial)

AASLD Member Number

Degree(s) and year(s) granted

Institution

Current Position

Appointment Date (month & year)

Address, City, State, Zip Code

Telephone

Email

Most Recent Major Extramural Award Received/Year

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

#	Description	Included
1	Face/Signature Page Use page 3 of this application.	☐
2	Applicant's Biosketch – 5 page limit Using the standard NIH 5 page format.	☐
3	Candidate Statement – 2 page limit Describe the benefits of this opportunity to your academic/research career and your motivation for attending. Please also highlight your previous accomplishments and future career goals.	☐
4	Two Letters of Recommendation – 1 page limit (each) Two letters of recommendation attesting to the candidate's qualifications, commitment to hepatology, quality of work, and leadership potential should be submitted with the application.	☐
5	Abstract Using the box provided on page 4 of this application.	☐
6	Area of Clinical Focus (MDs only) Using the box provided on page 4 of this application.	☐

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

NOTE: By signing below, you are certifying that the information in this application is accurate and that you understand and agree to the requirements of this program if selected.

Signature of Applicant

Name (printed)

Date

Abstract of Research Presentation

In the box below, briefly describe the background, methods, results, and conclusions for your study or research.

Area(s) of Clinical Focus (MDs only)

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| ☐ Acute Liver Failure | ☐ Healthcare Delivery/Quality/Effectiveness | ☐ Hepatocyte Biology | ☐ Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease | ☐ Steatosis and Steatohepatitis |
| ☐ Alcoholic Liver Disease | ☐ Hemochromatosis | ☐ Hepatotoxicity | ☐ Non-B Non-C Viral Hepatitis | ☐ Transplant |
| ☐ Alpha-1 Antitrypsin | ☐ Hepatitis B | ☐ Inflammation and Immunobiology | ☐ PBC/PSC | ☐ Varices |
| ☐ Ascites | ☐ Hepatitis C | ☐ Liver Fibrogenesis and Non-parenchymal Cell Biology | ☐ Portal Hypertension and Complications of Cirrhosis | ☐ Wilson Disease |
| ☐ Autoimmune Liver Disease | ☐ Hepatobiliary Neoplasia | ☐ Metabolic and Genetic Disease | ☐ Public Health | |
| ☐ Biliary Biology | ☐ Hepatocellular Carcinoma | | | |
| ☐ Cholestasis | | | | |
| ☐ Cholestatic and Autoimmune Liver Disease | | | | |