



# NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

## Norman F. Gant/ American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Fellowship

### *2021 Guide to Nominations*

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (the National Academies) bring together the most eminent researchers, policy experts, and clinicians from across the country to work together to provide nonpartisan, scientific, and evidence-based advice to national, state, and local policymakers; academic leaders; health care administrators; and the public. The National Academies are uniquely qualified to offer an exceptional learning environment to selected early-career scholars and future leaders in medicine and public health. Through an endowment from Norman F. Gant, MD, and the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG), the Gant/ABOG Fellowship was established under the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Fellowship program in 2009.

### **Purpose**

The Gant/ABOG Fellowship is named in honor of Norman F. Gant, MD, a member of the NAM and a former executive director of ABOG. The overall purpose of the Gant/ABOG Fellowship is to enable talented, early-career health science scholars in obstetrics and gynecology to participate actively in health- and medicine-related work of the National Academies and to further their careers as future leaders in the field. The program especially welcomes nominations of under-represented minority candidates.

Diplomates or Active Candidates for Certification by ABOG, who hold non-tenured faculty positions in any university, are eligible for the program.

### **Program Description**

The Gant/ABOG Fellowship will be awarded for a two-year period. During this time, the fellow is expected to continue to work at his/her main academic post, while being assigned to a health- and medicine-related board of the National Academies. The boards are:

- Children, Youth, and Families,
- Food and Nutrition,
- Global Health,
- Health Care Services,
- Health Sciences Policy, and
- Population Health and Public Health Practice.

The fellowship requires a 10- to 20-percent commitment of time for two years, and includes attendance at a one-week orientation to health policy, the Fall NAM Annual Meeting in October and the meetings of the assigned board. Domestic travel expenses are covered for participation in approved fellowship activities. Additionally, the fellow will participate actively in the work of an appropriate study committee or roundtable, including contributing to its reports or other products. Studies will be identified that would enable the potential for the fellow to contribute to the value of integrating medicine and public health.

This experience will introduce the Gant/ABOG Fellow to a variety of experts and perspectives, including legislators, government officials, industry leaders, executives of voluntary health organizations, scientists, and other health professionals. Each fellow will be assigned to an NAM member who will serve as a senior mentor during the two years of the fellowship.

A flexible research grant of \$25,000 will be awarded to each Gant/ABOG Fellow, which will be administered through the appropriate department in the fellow's home institution. This grant is not intended for use as a salary offset for the fellow.

## Eligibility Criteria

Nominees for the Gant/ABOG Fellowship must meet the following requirements:

- Nomination by a member of the NAM or the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society or a Director of the ABOG
- Diplomate or Active Candidate for certification by ABOG
- Non-tenured member of an academic faculty
- Able to dedicate 10 to 20 percent of time to the fellowship for two years
- Within the first five years of an initial faculty appointment
- Sponsorship by academic department head
- Endorsement by the dean
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident status at the time of the nomination

## Selection Criteria

Nominees will be evaluated by an NAM-appointed committee according to:

- Professional accomplishments including research and publications
- Potential for leadership in health policy
- Quality of letters of recommendation
- Expertise in an area of relevance to the NAM

## Nomination Packet

A complete nomination packet must be submitted electronically through the online nomination system at <https://fellowship.nam.edu/> and will include the following documents:

- A nomination letter from a member of the NAM or the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society or a Director of the ABOG
- Letters of recommendation and endorsement from:
  1. Department chair
  2. Academic dean
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- A brief one page bio

## 2021 Timeline

March 1	Call for nominations opens
June 3	Nomination packets are due at 3:00pm ET
July 15	Awardee is notified
September 8-10	Fellow orientation week at the NAM is held
October 18	Fellow is introduced to the Membership at the NAM Annual Meeting

## Program Administration

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