



SOCS

skin of color society

Do you have a passion for skin of color?

Is connecting with leaders in the field something that interests you?

OBSERVERSHIP GRANT

The SOCS Observership Grant awards up to \$2,000 USD grants to dermatology residents, medical students (2nd-4th year), and junior faculty to enable study with a SOCS mentor identified by the applicant. Grants are intended for travel, room and board as needed to establish and facilitate the mentoring relationship.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Please submit your application through the SOCS website. Applications open **August 1**. Completed applications must be received by **December 1**. Mentor-mentee pairings are announced in **March**.

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Purpose

- To enable young physicians and scientists to acquire additional academic or research skills that will further their careers as leaders in skin of color dermatology
- The grant is to sponsor a 1-4 week rotation
- Observership is to be completed sometime during March of the year the grant is received through the February of the next year

SOCS Mentorship Committee

The SOCS Mentorship Committee evaluates, scores, and identifies the observership grant applications that receive funding.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Participants must be existing members of SOCS with current dues records AND
- Dermatology residents
- Dermatology fellows
- Young dermatologists who completed residency no more than 4 years
- Medical students (2nd-4th year)
- Applicants must disclose if already participating in a paid fellowship at specified location. Failure to disclose may impact application acceptance. Applicants must prove that they will be engaging in a rotation "unique" to their already established research year. These will be reviewed by the Mentorship Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants must identify their observership mentor and location in the application form.

What does participation in the program involve?

- A **6-month update** to the SOCS Mentorship Committee on the status of observership upon request.
- Completion of a **short survey** (post-observership)
- Submission of a **one-page summary** of the experience written by the mentee along with a **photograph of the mentee and mentor together**.

Accepted applications

- Confirmation, including rotation dates, from both the applicant and the mentor is required for the disbursement of funds.

I want to get involved! What is the next step?

- Membership or pending membership of the Skin of Color Society for both the mentor and the applicant is a requirement for eligibility. Please complete your SOCS membership application or renew your current dues before proceeding with the Observership Grant application.
- Complete the application form including all required documents. See application form for details - <https://skinofcolorsociety.org/observership-grant/>



Mentee Angel Pagan, BS with mentor Dr. Emma Guttman-Yassky at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, 2021 Observership Award