



# 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 **November 1**. Mentor-mentee pairings are announced in **March**.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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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