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Dear Dr. DeKosky:

The American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation is pleased to announce two research programs that may be of interest to your students.

First, the Seed Grant Research Program provides grants of \$2,500 to medical students, physician residents and fellows to help them conduct basic science, applied, or clinical research projects. Grants will be awarded in the following categories:

- Cardiovascular/Pulmonary Diseases
- HIV/AIDS
- Leukemia
- Neoplastic Diseases

Applications are due by **Dec. 11, 2009** and recipients will be announced by March 2010. Applications are available on our website at www.amafoundation.org.

Second, the National and Regional Student Research Forums offer medical and graduate students the opportunity to present their research, receive meaningful feedback and participate in scholarly discussions with peers and established scientists. Awards are given to the top-rated oral and poster presentations. To participate, students must submit an abstract directly to the forum of their choice by visiting www.amafoundation.org:

Western Forum
Jan. 27-30, 2010 in Carmel, CA
Deadline: **Oct. 1, 2009**

Eastern-Atlantic Forum
Feb. 17-20, 2010 in Miami, FL
Deadline: **Nov. 30, 2009**

Midwest Forum
Feb. 20, 2010 in Omaha, NE
Deadline: **Dec. 11, 2009**

National Forum
April 22-23, 2010 in Galveston, TX
Deadline: **January 2010**

For your convenience, we have **enclosed a poster with this information to display at your institution.** We encourage you to communicate these opportunities to your students. Please also note that we will be offering various tuition assistance scholarships next year, and will have the nomination forms available for you in February. If you have any questions about our programs, feel free to call us at (312) 464-4200.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Hovland, CPA, CHE, CAE
President

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