CLINICAL NEUROSCIENCE
SCHOLARS
GRADUATE STUDENTS

PURPOSE
- Enhance understanding of clinical disorders
  - Diagnosis
  - Comorbidities
  - Treatment
  - Families
- Foster collaborations on translational projects
- Gain an appreciation of the human trials process and resources
- Identify gaps in understanding

THE STEERING COMMITTEE
- Robert Singer, MD: Neurosurgery Faculty Advisor
- BethAnn McLaughlin, PhD: VBI Faculty Advisor
- David Charles, MD: Director Clinical Neurosciences and Neurology Faculty Advisor
- Mark Wallace, PhD: VBI Director

SPONSORSHIP
- Karen and Walter Scott Foundation
- Dan Marino Foundation
BENEFITS/ELIGIBILITY

- Increase competitive applications by demonstrating understanding of clinical realities.
- All scholars are eligible for travel grants of up to $1500 to attend scientific meetings or courses between June 2013 and July 2014.
- All neuroscience graduate students who have or will have successfully completed their Phase I qualifying exams by Fall of 2013.
- Preference is given to those students who are seeking a terminal PhD (vs MD/PhD).

APPLICATION MATERIAL

Applicants should provide:

- CV
- CV of their identified clinical mentor
- A 500 word statement on how their research would benefit from participation in the certificate program
- A 500 word statement on how this program would help them achieve their long-term career goals
- A draft proposal from the applicant on specific lecture series or training activities outside of shadowing which will be used to augment the shadowing experience
- A letter from the laboratory PI supporting their participation in this program

These documents should be assembled into a single PDF and submitted to Roz Johnson by May 31st at 5:00 pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

MATERIALS (CONT'D)

A 500 word statement on how their research would benefit from participation in the certificate program.

This should be VERY specific.

A 500 word statement on how this program would help you achieve your long-term career goals.

This should not be BS.

A DRAFT PROPOSAL FROM THE APPLICANT ON SPECIFIC LECTURE SERIES OR TRAINING ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SHADOWING WHICH WILL BE USED TO AUGMENT THE SHADOWING EXPERIENCE

- Identify clinical expert – neurology, neurosurgery, psychiatry
  - Clinical Shadow – who are the patients/procedures you want to see
  - Journal Clubs
  - Grand Rounds – who are the speakers and the titles of their talks
  - Other lectures
- Commitment of more than 8h/month and should enhance your lab experience
- Cosigned by lab mentor, clinical mentor and student.
MATERIALS (CONT’D)

• A letter from the laboratory PI supporting their participation in this program
  • Are you making reasonable progress on your thesis project?
  • Are you well suited for patient interactions?
  • Is there an immediate benefit to the PI’s lab that should be considered?

EXPECTATIONS

• Training for HIPAA
• Training for shadowing
  http://www.vanderbilt.edu/vcrc/index.php
• Shadow at least 4x/year
• Progress reports
• Two meetings will be held with the Clinical Scholars Steering Committee to discuss progress, additional training opportunities and funding
• Presentation at Forum as a group with clinical bent
• Self identify as Marshall or Marino scholars