

American Psychiatric Association
Psychiatry Student Interest Group Network (PsychSIGN)
Medical Student Interest Group Leaders - National Conference Application

The American Psychiatric Association is pleased to announce the third annual Psychiatry Student Interest Group Network (PsychSIGN) Conference. PsychSIGN was founded in October 2005 by a group of 11 medical students, with direction from Brian Palmer, MD, former president of the American Medical Students Association, and current PGY2 psychiatry resident at MGH/McLean. With support from the Education Office at the APA, these students are assembling a network of psychiatry student interest groups with the goal of fostering a community of psychiatric discourse, advocacy, and education among medical students at medical schools across the US and Canada.

The 2008 conference will be held in Washington, DC in conjunction with the APA Annual Meeting. The APA is sponsoring the hotel accommodations, conference, and meals from Friday night through Sunday for one medical student from each US and Canadian medical school. We are asking each medical school to fund the student's travel.

The conference will include talks given by practiced psychiatrists as well as interactive workshops led by medical students and residents. This is a wonderful opportunity for medical students to meet students from other schools, to learn more about psychiatry, and to learn how to create a broader discussion about psychiatry at their medical schools.

Tentative Schedule:

Saturday, May 3, 2008

9am to 5pm – Plenary, regional meetings and workshops

6:30 pm to 9 pm – Dinner

Sunday, May 4, 2008

8:00 am to 10:00 am – Residency round-table

9:00 am to 12 noon – Meeting for newly-elected PsychSIGN leaders

Return Completed Application and Essay to:

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DEADLINE TO APPLY: March 15, 2008

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Name of student: _____

Name of faculty advisor: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

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Medical School: _____

Year in medical school: 1 2 3 (attendees should currently be MS1-MS3 medical students)

APA Member: Yes No

Note to Department chairs and applicants:

Preference should be given to the incoming leader of the psychiatry student interest group (SIG or equivalent group) at your medical school. If such a group does not exist at your medical school, we encourage selection of a student with expressed interest in psychiatry and in forming a psychiatry interest group. The conference will provide students with opportunities to develop leadership skills to bring back to their medical schools, to connect with students from other medical schools, and to learn about various aspects of psychiatry research and practice. PsychSIGN's mission is to foster a community of psychiatric discourse, advocacy, and education among medical students at medical schools across the US and Canada.

Required Signatures:

Student: _____

We agree to fund the above student's travel to the APA PsychSIGN conference in Washington, DC, on May 3, 2008.

Name: _____ Signature: _____
Dean, Department Chair, or faculty advisor

Essay: (1 single space page)

Existing PsychSIG leaders: Please describe your school's psychiatry interest group's recent activities, what you hope to gain from this conference, and topics you would like to see on the program at the conference.

Future PsychSIG leaders: Please describe what activities you hope to see at your school and how you think that this conference can help you realize these plans. Please also list topics you would like to see on the program at the conference.

*** In addition to sending the essay with completed application, please email it to psychsign@gmail.com