



Global Resource for Advancing Cancer Education

Patient Education Ambassador Program

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GRACE

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by March 20, 2020

March 4, 2020

Dear Fellowship Program Director,

The Global Resource for Advancing Cancer Education (GRACE; cancergrace.org), is a non-profit organization founded by leading Thoracic Oncologist, Dr. Howard (Jack) West, in 2007. GRACE's mission is to provide expert-mediated information directly to cancer patients and their caregivers to empower them to become direct partners in their cancer treatment.

As the Executive Director of GRACE, I am thrilled to announce that GRACE is currently accepting nominations for our 2nd year of our **Patient Education Ambassador Program**, an **initiative** that provides a unique opportunity for a select number of **oncology fellows** to serve as **featured contributors** of our educational content on our website. 2019 was our pilot year for this program, which was met with great success, generating patient education content in the areas of Supportive Care and Latino Community Cancer Education, reaching thousands of cancer patients and caregivers. The participants in the 2019 program were:

Dr. Arjun Gupta, Oncology Fellow, Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center

"I am incredibly grateful to the GRACE Patient Education Ambassadors Program. I had the full liberty (and support) to direct a 'Supportive care patient education series'- these topics often do not receive the required attention in more traditional publications. I had the opportunity to record content with thought leaders in the field, and they have since remotely mentored me on various research projects. Directing this series cemented my interest in supportive care/ symptom management as I start to apply for grant funding and transition to a new faculty role in the next couple of years. Most importantly, the team at GRACE is happy, and passionate about patient education, and I thoroughly enjoyed the friendships this past year. I would recommend this program to all early career oncology professionals."

Dr. Narjust Duma, Assistant Professor and Thoracic Oncologist, University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center

"The GRACE ambassador program was one of my favorite experiences during training and my first months as faculty. The program gave me the opportunity to learn from patient education experts like Dr. Jack West, create content for patients with cancer in Spanish, and learn about all the aspects of a nonprofit organization like GRACE."

GRACE Patient Education Ambassador Program Overview

This nomination-only program is open to all oncology fellows and finishing fellows. GRACE's designated committee will review the nominees and select up to 4 participants for the honor of participating in the 2020 program. Nominees for this program will include those still in fellowship and embarking on their post-fellowship junior faculty or practice opportunities; however, it is required that they are still a fellow at the time of the application deadline.

Benefits of Participation

Selected fellows will work closely with national and international leaders in various fields of oncology to develop new educational content for patients across a range of platforms that will help them become established emerging contributors in their fields of interest. They will receive training on digitally distributed content and social media, and their work will be highlighted and shared by the internationally recognized non-profit GRACE organization, along with its network of established leaders in the oncology community and board members with an array of interests and connections. Participants will receive a minimal stipend which will include paid training in doctor-to-patient/family and broader communication in the field.



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Ideal Candidates

We are looking for oncology fellows (ideally in their second or third year) with a particular interest and passion for communications, patient education, and for those who are simply looking for a way to give back to the oncology community. Ideal candidates should have strong written and oral communication skills as well as a proven ability to stay abreast of the latest advances in cancer medicine.

Nomination Process

If you have a fellow in your program who you believe would welcome and excel at this opportunity, we invite you to please nominate this individual for consideration. All nomination forms must be submitted by **March 31, 2020** for consideration. Please note that nomination does not guarantee selection into the program as the number of slots for this year will be contingent on grantor funding.

Any questions, please contact me at ABickleman@cancergrace.org or 888-501-1025 x 1.

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GRACE Patient Education Ambassador Program Nomination Form

Fellowship Program Director: _____

Institution: _____

City/State: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Fellowship Program: _____ Medical Oncology _____ Hematology/Oncology _____

Year of Fellowship: _____

Please rate the fellow's written communication skills:

Poor Fair Average Very Good Excellent

Please rate the fellow's oral communication skills:

Poor Fair Average Very Good Excellent

Please rate the fellow's ability to stay abreast of the latest advances in cancer medicine:

Poor Fair Average Very Good Excellent

Has the nominee been informed of this opportunity and expressed interest in participating?

Yes No

In the space below, please provide a brief rationale for why this fellow should be selected as a GRACE Ambassador:

Thank you for your nomination, and for your support of GRACE. We will be in touch to confirm receipt. Please be assured that the above information will not be shared with any third party.