

Thanks to the continuing generosity and support of our donors, the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research (FAER) was able to continue its mission in 2006. Activities included:

- ▶ Funded 10 research grants for an additional commitment of \$2,085,000;
- ▶ FAER/Abbott-Volwiler & Tabern Resident Scholars: 59 Residents participated in the 2006 program;
- ▶ Medical Student Anesthesia Research Fellowship Program: 17 Students participated in 2006;
- ▶ Each FAER Research Council issued requests for proposals (RFPs) in Critical Care, Geriatrics, Pain and Pediatrics;
- ▶ Developed and approved RFP for Cerebral Function Monitoring
- ▶ Coordinated ASA Centennial Gala Benefit for 1,500 attendees.

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## Making Scientists out of Students

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In summer 2005 and 2006, FAER offered stipend support for students enrolled in 8-12 week full-time research preceptorships in anesthesiology departments across the nation. More than 25 anesthesia departments applied as host departments, ready to mentor a student fellow in an ongoing basic science or clinical research project. In many cases, the FAER application process stimulated the discovery of local summer research funding within the medical school. For students serving their fellowship locally, FAER served as “matchmaker.” Students leaving their home university typically required external funding for their research fellowship and FAER’s program made this possible.

Summary of FAER Student Fellowship Activity	Year	Applications	Available Sites	FAER Funded	Host Funded	Total Fellows
	2005	67	32	14	1	15
	2006	56	27	9	8	17

The fellowship requires 15% clinical anesthesiology experience to ensure that the preceptorship is not only “research” but distinctly “anesthesiology.” The grant includes travel support for students to present a synopsis of their research experience at a student seminar during the ASA Annual Meeting. This session, moderated by Donn Dennis, MD (University of Florida), showcases the student experience, allows them to become acquainted with one another and to meet some genuine giants of academic anesthesiology while attending the premier anesthesia conference in the world. In 2005 and 2006, nearly all the student fellows traveled to the ASA meeting for this session.

FAER received support for the 2006 program from Merck & Co. Inc. and the Ronald L. Katz Family Foundation.

## Board of Directors and Officers Update

FAER extends a special thank you to Joanne M. Conroy, MD for her leadership in 2005 and 2006 as Chair of the FAER Board. New members appointed to the Board during the 2006 ASA Annual Meeting are David L. Brown, MD, James C. Eisenach, MD, Jeffrey R. Kirsch, MD, Armin Schubert, MD, and Jeanine P. Wiener-Kronish, MD. FAER extends our sincere appreciation to departing board members Alex S. Evers, MD (1997-2006); Alan W. Grogono, MD (1997-2006); Joanne Jene, MD (2000-2006); Monte Lichtiger, MD (2002-2006); and Ronald D. Miller, MD (1997-2006).

## MISSION

To promote the generation of new knowledge in Anesthesiology that advances patient care and to foster career development of anesthesiologists dedicated to research and education in perioperative, critical care and pain medicine.

## GRANT UPDATE

In 2006, FAER received 54 applications for funding and was able to fund 10.

The following table illustrates the number of applications reviewed by FAER since 2000 and monies committed as a result.

Year	Applications Reviewed	Applications Funded	Funds Committed
2000	39	11	\$450,000
2001	34	10	\$670,000
2002	36	10	\$965,000
2003	45	19	\$2,390,000
2004	55	17	\$2,080,000
2005	43	10	\$2,035,000
2006	54	10	\$2,085,000

## REMINDER

The next grant application deadline is February 15, 2007.

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