



SGM Alliance - Clinical Research Fastrack Pride Month Scholarship

Description

To celebrate Pride Month, SGM Alliance is partnering with Clinical Research Fastrack to offer a scholarship to individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in clinical research, particularly those from underserved or underrepresented groups within the Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Communities (i.e., LGBTQ+). The goal of this scholarship is to provide an opportunity for someone who has shown commitment and potential in this field.

About the Scholarship

This scholarship is designed to break down barriers and offer opportunities in clinical research and life sciences to individuals from the SGM Communities. At SGM Alliance, we believe in the value of diverse perspectives in clinical research and aim to ensure that more people from underrepresented groups have the chance to be involved in this important work.

A panel of judges will review all applications and select one candidate who demonstrates the most promise.

Personal Statement Submission

Applicants are required to submit a personal statement (500–700 words) focused on **your personal story** and how it connects to your goals in clinical research.

This is your opportunity to share your journey in your own words. We encourage you to reflect on:

- Key experiences that have shaped who you are
- What healthcare or research has meant to you personally
- Moments of adversity, resilience, or turning points that drive your passion
- How your background gives you a unique lens into clinical research
- Why this scholarship matters to you and how it would support your next chapter

Note: Please do not repeat answers from the application questions. This is your space to bring your story to life.



Video Submission

In addition to your personal statement, please submit a short video (2–3 minutes) answering the following question:

How has being a member of the SGM Communities impacted your journey and your goals in the field of clinical research?

Share a personal story or reflection on how your identity has influenced your approach to healthcare, research, or community involvement. How do you plan to use your education to advocate for more inclusive clinical trials and research practices?

Application Questions

Please answer the following questions to help us better understand your background and vision. You may elaborate in your personal statement or answer them separately:

1. What drives your interest in clinical research, and why is this career path important to you?
 2. How do you hope to use your skills and education to make clinical research more accessible to underserved communities?
 3. Please describe a personal experience that shows your commitment to the SGM Communities and how this has influenced your career goals.
 4. What barriers have you faced in your education or career, and how have these challenges shaped your perspective on opportunities in healthcare and research?
 5. What are your long-term career goals, and how would this scholarship help you achieve them?
 6. Why do you think it's important to increase representation from underserved communities in clinical research, and how do you plan to contribute to this?
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Eligibility Criteria

- Must demonstrate financial need
 - Must have an interest in clinical research
 - Open to individuals at all stages of education and career progression
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Deadline

Applications must be submitted by **July 31, 2025**