

Southern New England Partnership In Stroke Research, Innovation and Treatment (SPIRIT) StrokeNet Fellowship

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Each year, SPIRIT will seek to enroll 1-2 fellows funded up to \$50,000 (salary and fringe) with 50% dedicated research time while he or she learns methods for clinical research and completes a clinical research project.

At the end of the one-year fellowship, fellows are expected to advance in their trajectory toward an academic career related to vascular neurology. For some, this will mean achieving an academic appointment and for others it will mean applying for further research support. Each SPIRIT fellow will be paired with a StrokeNet co-investigator faculty mentor, coupled with direct mentorship from Dr. Walter Kernan at Yale University.

Eligibility Criteria and Application

Eligible candidates include clinicians, residents, fellows, or junior faculty at any of the SPIRIT institutions (Yale, Hartford, or Brown). Candidates must 1) demonstrate a strong interest in an academic career related to vascular neurology, 2) provide evidence of exceptional performance in their medical training, 3) identify a mentor who will sponsor the research component of their fellowship, and 4) submit a brief project proposal.

Interested applicants should contact Shawna Cutting (Shawna_cutting@brown.edu) for full application details. Essential components include:

1. A cover letter explaining his or her interest in the fellowship and qualifications for an academic career related to vascular neurology. The cover letter must include an educational plan, and agreement to present his or her work at one of two SPIRIT regional conferences. They will also have an opportunity to present research to the larger StrokeNet community via a webinar.
2. A Biosketch in NIH format
3. A budget using NIH format (PHS 398). Funds may only be used to support the candidate's salary and fringe. The funds may not be used to support travel or other research expenses.
5. An "other support" page in NIH format. This must confirm that the candidate does not receive other NIH funding for training (e.g., K23, KL2, T32, K08)
6. Two letters of recommendation in total. These may come from a current program director, post-doctoral advisor, fellowship director, or departmental chair. The letter from a direct supervisor must indicate that the fellow will have at least 50% of his or her time available to devote to research, not including the required course work.
7. A letter from a proposed research mentor indicating that the mentor accepts this role, has assisted the candidate in developing his or her proposal, and will commit to provide the necessary supervision over the duration of the fellowship.
8. A brief research proposal (1-2 pages).

Important Dates:

April 1, 2020: Applications due

June 1, 2020: Successful applicants are notified

July 1, 2021: Fellowship starts