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Scholarship in Integrative Medicine Announced for a Health Practitioners

OCT. 27, 2009 – The Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine today announced two (2) $15,000 scholarships for the Fellowship in Integrative Medicine, available to health practitioners that work with underserved populations.

This scholarship is available to physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants who practice in rural areas and in community health centers. These two scholarships are designated for Fellows that begin their studies in January 2010.

Founded in 2000 by Andrew Weil, MD, the Fellowship is a two-year, 1000-hour distance-learning program for physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants that utilizes state-of-the-art online educational techniques. Fellows come to Tucson, Ariz. for three separate experiential residential weeks during the course of their two years of study. The Fellowship curriculum is specifically designed for progressive learning, and is created by nationally-recognized experts and faculty from a variety of disciplines, modalities and philosophies.

“These scholarships were created to give medical practitioners in underserved communities the opportunity to deepen their medical education in integrative medicine, to improve patients' health and promote wellness,” said Tieraona Low Dog, MD, director of the Fellowship and clinical associate professor of medicine at the Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine, at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. “Our mission is to transform health care by supporting a community of healers, and the best way to do that is to make our internationally-recognized education accessible to rural practitioners.”

To apply for this scholarship, applicants must submit a letter explaining their work with underserved populations, the motivation for their work, and how completion of the Fellowship in Integrative Medicine will benefit the practitioner and his/her community. Applicants must also submit a letter from their institution director endorsing their work and application to the Fellowship. These documents can be emailed directly to imfellow@email.arizona.edu. Fellowship application information can be found at www.azcim.org/Fellowship/. Application deadline for this scholarship is Dec. 15, 2009.

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