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**Royalty Donations Fund NREF Medical Student Research Fellowships**

(Rolling Meadows, IL) - The Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF) Board of Directors is pleased to announce a generous contribution from Aaron Cohen-Gadol, MD, FAANS of royalties from the sale of the COHEN™ Bipolar Forceps from Kirwan Surgical Products to the Medical Student Summer Research Fund at the NREF. The royalties will provide funding for ten “Aaron Cohen-Gadol Medical Student Summer Research Fellowships.”

“This tremendous gift allows the NREF to continue offering leading-edge training for neurosurgeons at all stages of their careers, and fund basic science and clinical research which helps launch research careers and advances patient care,” says NREF Chairman Jon H. Robertson, MD, FAANS.

The Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship (MSSRF) program offers fellowships in the amount of \$2,500 to medical students in the United States or Canada who have completed one or two years of medical school, and wish to spend a summer working in a neurosurgical laboratory, mentored by a neurosurgical investigator sponsor who is a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS). In 2016, a total of 20 fellowships will be awarded.

Annually, these fellowships go to the brightest and most dedicated students, whose research projects are aimed at the better understanding, treatment, and prevention of neurological disorders and improved patient care. “These students are the key to the future of neurosurgery, and I look forward to many years of working with the NREF to support their mission to support research and education efforts that enhance and confirm the critical role neurosurgeons play in improving lives,” says Dr. Aaron Cohen-Gadol.

The NREF is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been awarded a 2016 Aaron Cohen-Gadol Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship:

**Patrick M. Flanigan**

University of California San Francisco

**Samuel Tomlinson**

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

**Rachel Kalani Greene**

Washington University School of Medicine

**Natalie Elizabeth Griffin**  
Washington University School of Medicine

**Alessandra Hirsch**  
Columbia University Medical Center

**Anadjeet Singh Khahera**  
New York University

**Daniel Oyon**  
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

**Weining Yang**  
Toronto Western Hospital

**Christopher Marnell**  
Weill Cornell Medical College-New York Presbyterian Hospital

**Luke Alan Mugge**  
The Ohio State University

“Dr. Cohen-Gadol’s commitment not only sets a terrific example for others to follow, but allows us to further harness the power of donor support, and build on the upward momentum of the foundation,” says Regis W. Haid, Jr., NREF Co-Chair.

The online grant application portal for 2017 Medical Student Summer Research Fellowships will open in Fall 2016.

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### ***About the NREF***

The Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF) is a not-for-profit 501 (C)(3) organization created in 1980 by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) to support research and education efforts that enhance and confirm the critical role neurosurgeons play in improving lives. The NREF is dedicated to providing education to neurosurgeons at all stages of their careers, as well as funding research into new and existing neurosurgical treatments, in order to identify links between best practices and improved outcomes in patient care. Through voluntary public donations, corporate support, and donations from allied groups, the NREF supports endeavors that impact the lives of those suffering from epilepsy, stroke, brain tumors, spinal disorders, sports-related head injuries, lower back pain and Parkinson’s disease.

### ***About Kirwan***

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