



2019 EASL-AASLD MASTERCLASS

EVENT DATE: DEC 5 – 7, 2019

EVENT LOCATION: AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Application Deadline: June 17, 2019, 11:59 PM Eastern

Description

The 2019 EASL-AASLD Masterclass provides a unique educational collaboration of clinical, basic, and translational scientists from leading academic medical institutions from both sides of the Atlantic. Participants will attend a two-day intensive training session in Amsterdam, Netherlands designed for future leaders in academic hepatology. The program will consist of academic lectures, interactive break-out sessions, individual meetings with tutors, abstract presentations and a poster session, and social events to give early-stage investigators (MD, PhD, or MD/PhD, or equivalent) the opportunity to network with world leaders in hepatology.

AASLD and EASL will provide complimentary registration, travel, and accommodation expenses for up to 10 candidates who are full members of AASLD to attend the Masterclass. EASL will also bring 15 early stage-investigator candidates from Europe to attend the Masterclass.

Masterclass Overview

To be held December 5-7 in Amsterdam, Netherlands

The Masterclass is designed to give promising early-stage investigators (junior faculty members) the opportunity to advance their careers in hepatology through a mix of scientific and professional workshops aimed at developing personal and professional skills. In addition to scientific sessions, the 2019 Masterclass will include leadership skills workshops, grants and manuscript career development workshops, case-based presentations and discussions, and poster presentations. Attendance is limited to 25 participants.

MASTERCLASS CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS:

AASLD

Jorge Bezerra, MD, FAASLD
Raymond Chung, MD, FAASLD

EASL

Pierre-Emmanuel Rautou, MD
Ulrich Beuers, MD

Eligibility & Requirements

To be eligible for this award, the applicant must fulfill all of the following criteria:

1. The applicant must reside in the United States, Canada or Mexico and be a full member in good standing of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) at the time of submission of the application and maintain their membership through the event.
2. The applicant must be a Junior Faculty member (First Year Instructor - Assistant Professor or equivalent) within the first 5 years of their first faculty appointment at a medical or research institution within North America (U.S., Canada or Mexico) at the time of application.
3. The applicant must be an investigator with a highly promising record demonstrated by one of the following:
 - a. Received awards during training e.g. ALF Post-doctoral fellow award, ALF Liver Scholar Award, and/or Advanced Hepatology Fellowship Award and/or
 - b. Received a major independent or mentored external research grant award from a federal agency (e.g., NIH, AHRQ, CDC, PCORI, VA, NSF, CIHR, or equivalent) or Foundation (e.g., AASLD, AGA, ACG, ALF), including K01, K08, K23, KL2, K12, K99/R00, R21, or equivalent awards and/or
 - c. Received investigator-initiated support from industry
4. The applicant must be committed to and demonstrate success as an early career investigator focused on basic, translational or clinical science
5. The applicant must be able to travel to and attend the 2019 Masterclass, to be held December 5 – 7, 2019 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

6. The applicant must submit an abstract for presentation at the Masterclass. The abstract may be previously published and if selected for Masterclass you may be asked to present as a poster or in an oral session.
7. Previous Masterclass attendees (Masterclass alumni) cannot attend again. Previous applicants that were not selected to attend a Masterclass are welcome to apply if they still meet the eligibility criteria.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based upon their training, commitment to hepatology, academic/research accomplishments, letters of support, and their potential as a future leader in hepatology. Review criteria will include:

- Prior and ongoing training
- Publication and Presentation track record
- Honors and awards
- Having received:
 - Received awards during training e.g. AASLD Post-doctoral fellow award and/or Advanced Hepatology Fellowship Award and/or
 - Received a major independent or mentored external research grant award from a federal agency (e.g., NIH, AHRQ, CDC, PCORI, VA, NSF, CIHR, or equivalent) or Foundation (e.g., AASLD, AGA, ACG, ALF), including K01, K08, K23, KL2, K12, K99/R00, R21, or equivalent awards and/or
 - Received investigator-initiated support from industry
- Potential for successful career in academic hepatology
- Leadership potential

Applications will be reviewed based on the written materials submitted. **Incomplete applications and applications that fail to adhere strictly to the instructions (including the submission deadline and page limitations) will not be reviewed.** All decisions are final.

2019 AASLD-EASL Masterclass Application Instructions

1. Print or type responses.
2. Include only the required documents and provide signatures as requested.
3. Use 11 Point Arial font and margins no smaller than a half-inch.
4. Assemble the application package in the order listed in the Required Documents section below.
5. Be sure to adhere to page limits and complete all sections. Applications that do not meet the requirements, in content or format, will not be reviewed.
6. The completed application, letters of recommendation, and other documents as applicable must be combined into and submitted as one PDF document. Name the PDF file as follows: 2019 Masterclass - Last name, first name (Example: 2019 Masterclass – Smith, Jane)

Submission

The application deadline for this application is **11:59 pm Eastern time, June 17, 2019**. **Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.**

Submit your application at www.aasld.org/masters. You will be sent an email confirmation that the PDF was received. If an email confirmation is not received in two (2) business days, please contact awards@asld.org to confirm receipt.

Required Documents

Submit only the documents listed below:

1. **Cover Page** – Using page 3 of this application, complete the requested information and sign.
2. **Applicant's Biosketch (Limit five pages)** – Provide a biographical sketch using the current NIH SF 424 Form <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm> . *Be certain your grant funding information is up-to-date.*
3. **Candidate's Statement (Limit two pages)** – Describe the benefits of this opportunity to your academic/research career and your motivation for attending. Please highlight your previous accomplishments and future career goals.

4. **Two Letters of Recommendation (Limit one page each)** – Two letters of recommendation, one from the applicant's Division Chief/Department Chair and one from the applicant's Mentor, attesting to the candidate's qualifications, commitment to hepatology, quality of work, and leadership potential should be submitted with the application.
5. **Abstract** – Provide your research presentation abstract using page 4 of this application.
6. **Area of Focus**– Provide your area of clinical focus on page 4 of this application.

Selection Notifications

Selection notifications for this opportunity will be sent no later than August 15, 2019



APPLICATION FOR THE 2019 EASL-AASLD MASTERCLASS

Applicant (last, first, middle initial)

AASLD Member Number

Degree(s) and year(s) granted

Institution

Current Position

Appointment Date (month & year)

Address, City, State, Zip Code

Telephone

Email

Most Recent Major Extramural Award/Year

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

#	Description	Included
1	Face/Signature Page Use page 3 of this application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Applicant's Biosketch – 5 page limit Using the standard NIH 5 page format.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Candidate Statement – 2 page limit Describe the benefits of this opportunity to your academic/research career and your motivation for attending. Please also highlight your previous accomplishments and future career goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Two Letters of Recommendation – 1 page limit (each) Two letters of recommendation attesting to the candidate's qualifications, commitment to hepatology, quality of work, and leadership potential should be submitted with the application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Abstract Using the box provided on page 4 of this application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Area of Focus Using the box provided on page 4 of this application.	<input type="checkbox"/>

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

NOTE: By signing below, you are certifying that the information in this application is accurate and that you understand and agree to the requirements of this program if selected.

Signature of Applicant

Name (printed)

Date

Abstract of Research Presentation

In the box below, briefly describe the background, methods, results, and conclusions for your study or research.

I'm Primarily (check one)

- A Basic Scientist
- A Clinical Scientist
- A Translational Scientist

Are you in Pediatrics? (check one)

- No
- Yes

Area(s) of focus (check all that apply)

- Acute Liver Failure
- Biliary Biology
- Cholestatic and Autoimmune Liver
 - Autoimmune Liver Disease
 - Cholestasis
 - PBC/PSC
- Healthcare Delivery/Quality/Effectiveness
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- Hepatobiliary Neoplasia
 - Hepatocellular Carcinoma
- Hepatocyte Biology
- Hepatotoxicity
- Inflammation and Immunobiology
- Liver Fibrogenesis and Non-parenchymal Cell Biology
- Metabolic and Genetic Disease
 - Alpha-1 Antitrypsin
 - Hemochromatosis
 - Wilson Disease
- Non-B Non-C Viral Hepatitis
- Portal Hypertension and Complications or Cirrhosis
 - Ascites
 - Varices
- Public Health
- Steatosis and Steatohepatitis
 - Alcoholic Liver Disease
 - Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease
- Transplant