

## ABC – Meharry – Vanderbilt 1<sup>st</sup> Year Fellowship Award

**Description:** The Association of Black Cardiologists, Meharry Medical College and Vanderbilt University jointly sponsor one first-year candidate. These institutions aim to increase the number of under-represented minorities trained to begin post-fellowship careers with a solid foundation in clinical care, teaching and research. Training is provided through the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at Vanderbilt University. The three-year fellowship program for the sponsored candidate is identical to the Vanderbilt University Medical Center Cardiology Fellowship. Candidates for the position are jointly selected by the three institutions.

**Eligibility:** Fellowships are available for physicians and physician-scientists who have completed training in Internal Medicine and want to become board eligible in cardiovascular medicine. Applicants must also be active members of the ABC Cardiologists-In-Training (CIT) Program.

**The Award:** The maximum stipend to be awarded by the ABC for full-year fellowship is currently US \$40,000 per year. This stipend will include salary, fringe benefits and overhead costs.

**Application Deadline:** Monday, March 2, 2009

**For More Information:** Contact : [cme@abccardio.org](mailto:cme@abccardio.org)

### HOW TO APPLY: ONLINE SUBMISSIONS ONLY

To apply online, visit [www.abccardio.org/fellows](http://www.abccardio.org/fellows)

**Ahead of time, gather the following information and have it ready to upload when applying online:**

- 1) Updated CV
- 2) Recent photo
- 3) Short essay of no more than 3 pages, single spaced, Times New Roman, 11 point type using Microsoft Word that includes the following information:
  - a) Describe your career goals (include background and career goals in sufficient detail to allow the Committee to understand your interests in cardiology and long-term plans).
  - b) Describe your relationship, membership status, and interests in the ABC.

### NOTE: Heading at the top of each essay page should be:

Full Name and Degree  
ABC – Meharry – Vanderbilt Fellowship  
Medical School  
Phone Number  
Email address

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(Example of proper heading)

### 2) Have mailed directly to us the following information (Deadline for receipt: Monday, March 2, 2009)

- a) Official transcript sent from the medical school
- b) Three (3) letters of recommendation (see below for proper Address information)
- c) Letter of recommendation from your program director (in addition to the other 3 letters)

### Have recommendation letters ADDRESSED to:

Henry Okafor, MD, Chairman  
Fellowship Awards Committee  
Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.  
5355 Hunter Road  
Atlanta, GA 30349

### Have recommendation letters MAILED to:

Donna Ware, CIT Program  
Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.  
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