

**2021 AACC Capital Local Section – Pre-doctoral Student Awards
Application Deadline 27 August 2021**

The AACC Capital Local Section is sponsoring up to two (2) \$250 student awards to support virtual attendance) at the 2021 AACC Annual Scientific Meeting (September 26-30, Atlanta, Georgia).

Awards are intended to increase exposure, learning opportunities, and networking opportunities for students interested in laboratory medicine/clinical chemistry as a career path. The student award is intended to cover registration fees, travel costs, professional society membership fees and other similar costs related to attending the 2021 AACC Annual Scientific Meeting. Diversity and inclusion are Core Values of AACC. Diversity is key to developing resources that meet the needs of all AACC members and their patients and AACC pledges to treat our colleagues and members from underrepresented backgrounds with fairness and respect, encourage their contributions, and support their profession growth. As such we especially encourage applications from students from underrepresented backgrounds.

The following eligibility criteria apply:

- The applicant is a current MLS or PhD student pursuing a degree in a scientific discipline (e.g., biology, chemistry, biochemistry, toxicology, medical lab science) at a university in Maryland, D.C. or Virginia.
- The applicant is interested in laboratory medicine/clinical chemistry as a career path.

Applicants should write a statement of interest no longer than 300 words outlining their current studies, academic interests, interest in laboratory medicine/clinical chemistry and how attending the Annual Meeting would benefit them. Creativity is encouraged. Applicants need to also send an updated CV, and letters of recommendation are encouraged.

Applications will be blinded and judged based on the following criteria:

- level of interest in the field of laboratory medicine/clinical chemistry
- degree of benefit anticipated from attending the Annual Meeting

To Apply:

Submit your name, updated CV, letter of recommendation if available and statement of interest via email to Dr. JoDell E Wilson at jodell.e.wilson@questdiagnostics.com.

Students selected for this award will be asked to attend a virtual Capital Section event in Fall 2021.