Description of the Award:

Each year, AOA will award up to 50 first, second, and third year medical students a $5,000 research award plus up to $1,000 travel compensation for clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, social science/health services research, leadership, or professionalism. Research must be conducted either during a continual period of a minimum of 8 to 10 weeks; 30 hours or more per week, or an average of 4 hours per week for 12 months over a period of 1 to 2 years. The student does not need to be a member of AOA to apply for the award. Only one candidate from each school may be nominated.

For a full description of award details, please visit http://alphaomegaalpha.org/student_research.html. Do not hesitate to e-mail vtcsom.aoa@gmail.com with any additional questions.

Timeline:

The exact date for national submission will fluctuate by year, though it is roughly due the end of January. As such, we ask that interested applicants submit the internal application detailed below by the beginning of January. Exact dates will be posted on the Delta Virginia AOA chapter webpage, linked to the VTCSOM school webpage.

Directions for Internal Application:

Each year the Delta Virginia Chapter can nominate one student to apply for the national Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) research fellowship. As such, we request that the interested student(s) submit a CV and project proposal including the following information:

- Title
- Hypothesis
- Rationale
- Background information
- Methods
- Plans for data analysis
- Projected significance

The proposal should be less than four pages, single-spaced, in 12-point font. This proposal mirrors the application that will be required if the student is chosen to submit to the national competition.

Please submit the proposal and CV as a PDF to vtcsom.aoa@gmail.com. Once submitted, the application(s) will be reviewed by the AOA student leadership and AOA faculty member(s), and students will be notified of the result. Additionally, the project being put forward for consideration should be the student's formal VTCSOM Research Domain project.