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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**THE MAYDAY PAIN & SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP: COMMUNICATING SCIENCE & IMPROVING CARE**

***New Fellows to Join Community of Experts Advocating for the Pain Management Field***

[Apply online](#) between April 10, 2023 – May 22, 2023

NEW YORK (April 10, 2023) – The Mayday Fund, a New York City private foundation dedicated to alleviating the incidence, degree, and consequence of human physical pain, announced today that it will begin accepting applications for the 2023-2024 *Mayday Pain & Society Fellowship: Communicating Science & Improving Care*.

The fellowship will train 10-12 clinicians and researchers from the United States and Canada who are passionate about improving pain care and who are dedicated to building communications skills and strategies aimed at reducing human suffering from acute and chronic pain. These Fellows must already work on research and evidence-based approaches to advance what is known about pain and how best to care for it.

The application is available at [www.maydayfellowship.org](http://www.maydayfellowship.org), and the application period will be open between Monday, April 10, 2023 - Monday, May 22, 2023. The fellowship will launch with a workshop from Sunday, October 29, 2023 – Wednesday, November 1, 2023, in Washington, DC.

“To help the millions of Americans and Canadians suffering from pain, we must build the public’s understanding of it as a disease,” said Christina Spellman, The Mayday Fund’s Executive Director. “The Board of Directors of The Mayday Fund believe that—through the Mayday Fellowship—we will elevate the voices of pain experts conducting new and ground-breaking science and research, bringing us closer to building this understanding and alleviating pain.”

Since 2004, The Mayday Fund has supported a public engagement and leadership training program that has provided 96 Fellows with communication and public outreach skills. This vision behind the Mayday Fellowships is that with tools to communicate more effectively, experts can help lead the conversation to share evidence-based science and practices in pain management to ensure better care for patients.

In addition to the three-day workshop in Washington, DC, the fellows will receive follow-up support and coaching from communications experts from the social change communications firm, [Burness](http://burness.com).

The fellowship is guided by a multi-disciplinary Advisory Committee, comprising leaders working in the United States and Canada. Committee members include six past Mayday Pain & Society Fellows. The full committee is:

- **Samina Ali, MD**, Professor, Pediatrics & Emergency Medicine, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta; Vice-Chair, Pediatric Emergency Research Canada (PERC); Western Canada Hub Lead, Solutions for Kids in Pain (SKIP); Research Director, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, University of Alberta; 2019 Mayday Fellow
- **Christine Chambers, PhD**, Professor, Departments of Psychology & Neuroscience and Pediatrics, Dalhousie University; Scientific Director, Solutions for Kids in Pain (SKIP); 2012 Mayday Fellow
- **Hance Clarke, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine and Institute of Medical Science, University of Toronto; President-elect, Canadian Pain Society; Staff Anesthesiologist, Director Pain Services Toronto General Hospital, University Health Network; 2019 Mayday Fellow
- **Renee C.B. Manworren, PhD, RN-BC, APRN, PCNS-BC, AP-PMN, FAAN**, Posy and Fred Love Chair in Nursing Research, Director of Nursing Research and Professional Practice; Governor of Lurie Children's PRESCISE, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago; Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Chair, Women's Faculty Organization, Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine; 2012 Mayday Fellow
- **Cary Reid, MD, PhD**, The Irving Sherwood Wright Professor of Medicine, Director of Cornell's Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life, Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College
- **Steven Stanos, DO**, Medical Director, Swedish Health System Pain Medicine and Services, Seattle, WA; Clinical Instructor, University of Washington, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine; Clinical Professor, Washington State University, Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine
- **Gregory Terman, MD, PhD**, Professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine and the Graduate Program in Neuroscience, University of Washington; 2011 Mayday Fellow
- **Erin E. Young, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology, Pain and Perioperative Medicine; Director, Clinician Scientist and Research Track; Medical Student Research Liaison; Department of Anesthesiology, University of Kansas Medical Center; 2019 Mayday Fellow

For more details on the fellowship requirements, the application and expectations, please visit [www.maydayfellowship.org](http://www.maydayfellowship.org)

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### **About The Mayday Fund**

*The Mayday Fund was established in 1992 to further Shirley Steinman Katzenbach's commitment to social and medical causes. The Board of Directors decided to adopt Mrs. Katzenbach's special interest in the treatment of pain as the Fund's mission. The name MAYDAY commemorates the date of her birth and is the international word signaling a cry for help, taken from the French "m'aidez" or "help me."*

*The Mayday Fund, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization since 1992, engages only in philanthropic grant activities defined by its mission targeting the alleviation of pain. It should not be confused with any other organization that uses a similar name or includes "mayday" in its representation.*