



Call for Research Grant Applications in Acne and Rosacea!

AARS Announces \$75K Research Scholar Grant Award

Application Deadline: December 3, 2018

The American Acne and Rosacea Society (AARS) is excited to invite investigators working at the level of Instructor through Associate Professor in the field of acne or rosacea to apply for the Research Scholar Grant Award valued at up to \$75,000.

The individual selected for the Grant Award must have a strong career goal within the field of dermatology generally and be dedicated to furthering knowledge concerning acne or rosacea specifically. In addition, the research must be focused on discoveries in the clinical or translational medical sciences that are designed to impact the understanding or treatment of acne or rosacea.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must have M.D. and/or Ph.D.; or D.O. degree;
- M.D. applicant must have completed a U.S. dermatology residency program and have at least 2 years of experience in research
- Ph.D. applicant must have completed at least 2 years post-doctoral training
- M.D. and D.O. applicant must have a strong basic or translational research collaborator. Ph.D. must have a strong connection with an M.D. or D.O. with clinical expertise in acne or rosacea;
- The applicant must spend a minimum of 40% of his/her professional time in research
- Junior faculty member in a department or division of dermatology, Instructor through Associate Professor level, at the time of funding will be given preference
- Strong institutional commitment for the applicant's career development.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Research Scholar Award application must include the following components:

1. A **letter (no more than 3 pages) from the applicant** stating:
 - a. Career goals and plans for achieving these goals;
 - b. Description of the proposed research and mentoring team and the contributions made to the research;
 - c. The relevance of the AARS funding and a description of the plans to obtain research support after completing this award.
 - d. Acknowledgment of the requirement to submit a progress report (written for a layperson) and an expenditure report at six months and at the end of the award period.

- e. Acknowledgement of the requirement to identify AARS support in all relevant research-related presentations and publications
 - f. Acknowledgement to keep AARS informed of current and future dates of relevant presentations and publications
2. A **curriculum vitae** including education and training, academic appointments, key publications, and summary of ALL past (5 years), present, and pending research support specifying award titles, agencies, periods of support, and total direct costs.
 3. A **letter written by the Chair of Dermatology** on behalf of the candidate, covering the above requirements, endorsing the applicant and the proposal, and confirming the institution's commitment to provide time and support to the applicant (no more than three pages). Note: A Chairman may endorse only ONE AARS Research Scholar Award application per year.
 4. A **research proposal** (no more than 6 pages for items 1-5 below) prepared by the candidate detailing the title, purpose, materials, methods and projected results. Proposals must be typed in Arial 11 pt. type with 1-inch margins.

A suggested format for the Research Proposal is listed below:

1. **Specific Aims:** What do you intend to accomplish? What hypothesis is to be tested?
2. **Significance:** Why is the research important? Evaluate existing knowledge in the field and specifically identify the possible contributions that your investigative findings may make.
3. **Preliminary Studies:** What has already been done in this field?
4. **Experimental Design:** How are you going to accomplish the research? Describe the experimental design, the procedures to be used, and the manner in which the data will be analyzed. Do not include established laboratory procedures.
5. **Timeline**
6. **Literature Cited**

Human Subjects: Applications related to research on human subjects must be accompanied by written institutional review board approval or equivalent, or submitted prior to the release of Award funds.

Animal Studies: Applications that involve research on animals must demonstrate their relevance to clinical dermatology. In addition, they must be accompanied by written institutional review board or equivalent, or submitted prior to the release of Award funds.

5. A **line item budget and justification for the research project** must be attached. Travel expenses up to \$1,000 may be included and must be documented. Indirect costs to the sponsoring institution are prohibited.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION / DEADLINE

The AARS Research Scholar Grant Award application deadline is **December 3, 2018**. The application must be submitted to info@aarsmember.org with all required attachments in either Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF file format. A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Visit www.acneandrosacea.org for additional information about the AARS or to view grant award information.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of the recipients is targeted to occur in April 2019 by the AARS Grant Committee.

GRANT AWARD PROCESS

An AARS Grant Contract will be required and following full and timely execution, funding will occur in May 2019 unless otherwise requested by the Award recipient.