

American Skin Association Research Scholar Award in Psoriasis/Inflammatory Skin Diseases ~ \$75,000/year for two years

American Skin Association (ASA) invites submission of applications for its **Research Scholar Award in Psoriasis/Inflammatory Skin Diseases in the amount of \$75,000 a year for two years** to foster the career development of a young research investigator working at the level of instructor through associate professor in the field of dermatology and cutaneous biology. The aim of the program is to provide bridge support for young investigators. Special consideration will be given to individuals without significant prior support.

If an awardee receives a career development award or other comparable research from the NIH, the Dermatology Foundation, or similar organization, he/she must choose between it and the ASA career development award.

The individual must have a strong career goal within the field of dermatology and be dedicated to the furtherance of knowledge concerning psoriasis/inflammatory skin diseases. The research must be focused on new discoveries in the basic and clinical sciences, which should have current or potential impact on the understanding and treatment of psoriasis/inflammatory skin diseases.

Eligibility:

Preference would be given to those under the age of 45 as of June 30, 2010 with a rank of instructor or institutional equivalent up through associate professor. First preference will be given to those working in a department or division of dermatology, and second preference to those who show evidence of a close working relationship with dermatology.

If an MD, the candidate must be Board certified in dermatology with at least three years of in-depth experience in investigative dermatology. If a PhD, the candidate must have at least three years of postdoctoral experience in investigative dermatology.

The candidate must be identified as a current or future leader in dermatological investigation, and must spend at least 80% of his/her professional time in research.

Contents of application:

Submission of an application must include:

- 1) **Title page** including applicant's name, title of proposal and name of sponsoring institution. Download title page and checklist from website www.americanskin.org
- 2) **A letter from the applicant stating:**
 - a) career goals and plans for achieving these goals,
 - b) the relevance of the "bridge support" award at this time,
 - c) acknowledgement of the requirement to submit a progress report (in layman's language) and an expenditure report at six months and at the end of the award period,
 - d) acknowledgement of the requirement to list ASA support in all presentations and publications, and

- e) acknowledgement to keep ASA informed of current and future dates of presentations and/or publications.
- 3) A 1-2 page **curriculum vitae** including education and training, academic appointments, key publications, and date of birth.
- 4) A letter (no more than two pages) written by the **department of dermatology chair** on behalf of the candidate, covering the above requirements and endorsing the applicant and the proposal. Note: A Chairman may endorse only ONE candidate for any ASA Research Scholar Award per year.
- 5) A **research proposal** (no more than two pages including references) prepared by the candidate detailing the title, purpose, materials, methods and projected results. The proposal must be typed in **Arial, 11 pt. type with 1-inch margins**. Human and animal use must be approved by the Institutional Review Board and documented.
- 6) A line item **budget** for the project. Travel up to \$1,000 may be included and must be documented. Indirect costs to the sponsoring institution will not be allowed.
- 7) A summary of ALL **past** (5 years), **present and pending** applications for research support, specifying award titles, agencies, periods of support, and total direct costs.

Deadline:

Deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, October 5, 2009. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications (25 complete stapled copies) are to be sent to: **American Skin Association**, 346 Park Avenue South, 4th floor, New York, NY 10010. Phone: 212-889-4858

Selection Process:

Selection of awardees will be made in mid-December by the American Skin Association Medical Advisory Committee. Funding will begin January 1, 2010, unless otherwise requested.

American Skin Association

American Skin Association, founded in 1987, is a volunteer-led health organization dedicated to saving lives and alleviating the profound human suffering caused by the full spectrum of skin disease and cancer through cutting-edge research and education.

Through its national grants and awards program, ASA has awarded over \$6 million to support advanced-level studies into the cause, prevention and treatment of skin disease, funded the work of over 150 physicians and scientists ranging from acknowledged leaders in the field to gifted young researchers in the early phases of their career, and established one of the finest research facilities of its kind.

ASA has introduced over 3 million public school students from coast to coast to its award-winning program "The Wonders of Skin" to help them better understand the critical role skin plays in maintaining good health.