

American Skin Association Research Scholar Award Vitiligo/Pigment Cell Disorders ~ \$60,000 ~

American Skin Association (ASA) invites submission of applications for its **Research Scholar Award in Vitiligo/Pigment Cell Disorders** in the amount of \$60,000 to foster the career development of a young investigator working at the level of instructor through associate professor in the field of dermatology or 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. A second year of funding may be requested upon receipt and review of a final progress report and reapplication.

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

The individual must have a strong career goal within the field of dermatology and be dedicated to the furtherance of knowledge concerning vitiligo/pigment cell disorders. The research must be focused on new discoveries in the basic or translational medical sciences that impact the understanding or treatment of vitiligo/pigment cell disorders.

ELIGIBILITY:

Preference will be given to those under the age of 45 as of June 30, 2014 with a rank of instructor up through associate professor (or the institutional equivalent). First preference will be given to those working in a department or division of dermatology, and second preference to those with a close working relationship to 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 or faculty-level experience in investigative dermatology. MD/PhD candidates must meet the requirements of **either** the MD or PhD candidates, but not both sets of requirements.

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:

An application must include:

1. **Title page** including applicant's name, title of proposal and name of sponsoring institution. **Title page** and **checklist** can be downloaded from our 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" at this time
 - c. 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
 - d. acknowledgement of the requirement to list ASA support in all presentations and publications
 - 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 **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. Note: A Chairman may endorse only ONE ASA Research Scholar Award application 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. Proposals must be typed in **Arial 11 pt. type with 1-inch margins**. Note: Human and/or animal use must be approved by the Institutional Review Board or equivalent and documented before funding begins.
6. 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 will not be allowed.
7. A summary of ALL **past (5 years), present, and pending** research support specifying award titles, agencies, periods of support, and total direct costs.

DEADLINE AND APPLICATION FORMS:

Application forms and instructions for applying are posted on our website: www.americanskin.org. **The deadline for receipt of applications is November 1, 2013.** Incomplete applications will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection of the recipients will be made in December by the American Skin Association Medical Advisory Committee. Funding will begin January 1, 2014 unless otherwise requested by the applicant.

About American Skin Association

Established to serve the now more than 100 million Americans afflicted with skin disorders, American Skin Association has evolved over the past two decades as a leading force in efforts to defeat melanoma and other serious forms of skin disease. Its mission has remained to advance research, champion skin health (particularly among children), and drive public awareness about skin disorders and their often devastating impact.