

American Skin Association Research Scholar Award Melanoma/Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer ~ \$60,000 ~

American Skin Association (ASA) invites submission of applications for its **Research Scholar Award in Melanoma/Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer** in the amount of \$60,000 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. A second year of funding may be requested upon receipt and review of a final progress report and re-application.

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 melanoma/non-melanoma skin cancer. 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 melanoma/non-melanoma skin cancer.

Eligibility:

Preference would be given to those under the age of 45 as of June 30, 2011 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" at this time,
 - c) acknowledgement 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, 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 **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. The proposal must be typed in **Arial 11 pt. type with 1-inch margins**. Human and/or animal use must be approved by the Institution Review Board or its equivalent 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** research support, specifying award titles, agencies, periods of support, and total direct costs.

Deadline:

Deadline for receipt of application is Monday, August 16, 2010. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications (20 complete stapled copies) are to be mailed to: **American Skin Association**, 346 Park Avenue South, 4th floor, New York, New York 10010.

Selection Process:

Selection of awardees will be made in late December by the American Skin Association Medical Advisory Committee. Funding will begin January 1, 2011, unless otherwise requested.

American Skin Association

Dedicated to serving the now more than 100 million Americans suffering from skin disorders, American Skin Association is an increasingly influential leader in the struggle to overcome melanoma and other serious forms of skin disease. For over two decades its mission has remained to advance research, expand Americans' understanding of the skin's importance in preserving wellness and raise public awareness about skin disorders and their often devastating impact.