American Skin Association
Daneen & Charles Stiefel
Investigative Scientist Award for Melanoma Research
$100,000

American Skin Association (ASA) invites the submission of applications for its Daneen & Charles Stiefel Investigative Scientist Award for Melanoma Research in the amount of $100,000. The purpose of this funding mechanism is to identify and support emerging leaders in dermatology focused on melanoma research.

If an awardee receives a career development award or other comparable research award from the NIH, the Dermatology Foundation, or similar organization, the awardee must choose between it and this research award. If the awardee chooses the other award, then the awardee will not receive funding for this award from ASA.

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 or translational medical sciences that impact the understanding or treatment of melanoma/non-melanoma skin cancer.

ELIGIBILITY:
Preference will be given to those under the age of 45 as of June 30, 2020 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.

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:

2. A 1-2 page curriculum vitae including education and training, academic appointments, key publications, and date of birth.
3. 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 Daneen and Charles Stiefel Investigative Scientist Award for Melanoma Research each year.
4. 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.
5. A line item budget and justification for the research project must be attached. Indirect costs to the sponsoring institution, travel expenses, and salary (for the PI and lab technicians) will not be allowed.
6. 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:
Instructions and the online application are posted on our website: americanskin.org. The deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 11:59 PM EST. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS:
Selection of the recipients will be made in December 2019 by ASA’s Medical Advisory Committee. Funding will begin in 2020.

About American Skin Association
Established to serve the now more than 100 million Americans afflicted with skin disorders, ASA has evolved over the past three 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, and drive public awareness about skin disorders and their often devastating impact.

Please send questions to Kathleen Reichert at grants@americanskin.org.