



**79% of
CDA recipients
have remained
in academics.**

New Career Development Award Survey Results: DF Funding is Effective

Every five years, the Foundation surveys its Career Development Award (CDA) recipients. The results of the most recent survey reaffirm that these highly competitive awards continue to accomplish what they were designed to do—enable recipients to stay on an academic research path and position them to make major contributions to the specialty.

KEY SURVEY RESULTS:

Recipient responses underscored the importance of their awards.

“How did your DF award impact your career?”

- + **“It was vital!** . . . It allowed me to secure additional funding to continue my academic career. Absent the DF award, I would have been hard pressed to continue on a research track.”
- + **“The DF had a tremendous impact on my career. It gave me protected time for research and really jump-started my research career.** It is tremendously challenging for clinician scientists to carve out time for research as clinical work [especially] the increasingly burdensome admin tasks that are now being shunted to physicians”
- + **“I think the DF awards for clinicians, such as the Medical Dermatology CDA, are instrumental in the survival of clinician scientists in dermatology.** We have nowhere else to turn for funding such as this. I—and several of my colleagues who are very active in medical dermatology & inpatient dermatology—survived the first few years of our academic careers because of this award.”



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