

2018 Research Awards Program Summary

The Dermatology Foundation is accepting applications for its 2018 research awards. This year, several updates have been made to the general and award-specific requirements to ensure the program continues to meet the needs of the specialty. Visit dermatologyfoundation.org and read the **Applicant Instructions** to obtain **the most current, detailed program information**. Application forms and instructions are also available on the DF website.

All DF-funded research must be conducted in the U.S. under the sponsorship of a department/division of dermatology that is ACGME-approved for training in dermatology. Applicants must meet the DF's general eligibility requirements, in addition to the award-specific requirements presented below on or before **July 1, 2018**. Minorities are encouraged to apply.

Key Dates:

September 15, 2017 – Due date for Stiefel Scholar Award applications

October 16, 2017 – Due date for career development award, fellowship, and grant applications

July 1, 2018 – Award funding is effective

Research Award/Amount/Purpose	Applicant Eligibility Requirements <i>Must be met on or before July 1, 2018</i>
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1) Charles & Daneen Stiefel Scholar Award	
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<p><i>\$100,000 annual salary stipend (renewable up to two years)</i></p> <p>This award is designed to support outstanding investigators committed to understanding the molecular and cellular basis of skin cancer (melanoma and non-melanoma) and its treatment.</p> <p>This award is intended for early to mid-career investigators.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; D.O.; or Ph.D. degree • Appropriate training and experience in relevant research • Faculty member with a primary appointment in U.S. dept./division of dermatology no greater than 10 years beyond his or her initial appointment as an Assistant Professor • Demonstrates a strong commitment to research in skin cancer • Strong institutional commitment for the PI • Recipient may concurrently hold federally funded awards or their equivalent (e.g. NIH, VA, DOD, FDA, Doris Duke, Burroughs Wellcome, etc.) • At least 75% effort committed to research • Research aims are unique to this award • Cannot hold other DF support at the time of funding (CDA-Yr3 recipients may apply) • Award cannot be used for indirect expenses
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2) Career Development Awards	
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<p>Physician Scientist Career Development Award - \$55,000 annual salary stipend (renewable up to two years)</p> <p>The Physician Scientist CDA supports the academic career of a physician-scientist who is devoted to clinical dermatology, and assists in the transition from fellowship to established investigator.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree • Candidates must be no greater than 12 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program • Appropriate initial training in relevant research (i.e., a two to three year research fellowship or postdoctoral training) • Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level) • Clinically-oriented investigator in the early stages of academic career • Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research • Strong institutional commitment for the individual's career development
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<p>Public Health Career Development Award - \$55,000 annual salary stipend (renewable up to two years)</p> <p>This CDA supports the establishment and/or development of careers in public health. Research proposals may concern health care policy, epidemiological research, outcome studies, comparative effectiveness research, information system development, tele dermatology, or other topics relating to public health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree • Candidates with an M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. must be no greater than 12 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Candidates with a Ph.D. must be no greater than 8 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • M.D. applicants must have completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program • Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (through Asst. Prof. level) • Formal relationship with a mentor who possesses recognized expertise in health care policy or public health research • Clinically-oriented investigator in the early stages of academic career • Strong institutional commitment for the individual's career development
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2) Career Development Awards (continued)	
<p>Clinical Career Development Award in Dermatologic Surgery - \$55,000 annual salary stipend (renewable up to two years)</p> <p>This award supports clinically relevant research projects that further the practice of dermatologic surgery and develops the teaching, research and/or leadership abilities of dermatologic surgeons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree • Candidates must be no greater than 12 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program • Completed at least one-year post-residency surgical training in procedural dermatology in the U.S. at the time of funding • Under the mentorship of an experienced faculty member (e.g., a dermatologic surgeon, dermatologist, or basic or clinical investigator with experience and expertise of relevance to the proposed research • Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level) • Strong institutional commitment for the individual's career development
<p>Dermatopathology Research Career Development Award - \$55,000 annual salary stipend (renewable up to two years)</p> <p>The Dermatopathology CDA supports the academic career development of future intellectual leaders who demonstrate a strong commitment to advance the fields of dermatopathology and dermatology through research and/or education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree • Candidates must be no greater than 12 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Completed training in a U.S. dermatology or pathology residency program and a U.S. fellowship program in dermatopathology • Under the mentorship of an experienced investigator(s) • Mentor must have an academic appointment in dermatology or another program at the sponsoring institution that is approved by the dermatology chair • Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level) in the early stages of an academic career • Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research that can advance the field of dermatopathology • Strong institutional commitment for individual's career development
<p>Science of Human Appearance Career Development Award - \$55,000 annual salary stipend (renewable up to two years)</p> <p>For the career development of individuals who wish to understand the cell and molecular mechanisms of altered human appearance or of therapeutic interventions. This award is intended to support research addressing human appearance issues caused by aging and/or environmental factors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree • Candidates with an M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. must be no greater than 12 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Candidates with a Ph.D. must be no greater than 8 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • M.D. applicant must have completed a U.S. dermatology residency program • Ph.D. applicant must have completed at least 2 years post-doctoral training • M.D. applicant must have a strong laboratory collaborator, Ph.D. must have a strong connection with an M.D. conducting appearance work • Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level) • High level of interest in the science of human skin appearance • Strong institutional commitment for the individual's career development

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2) Career Development Awards (continued)	
<p>Women’s Health Career Development Award - \$55,000 annual salary stipend (renewable up to two years)</p> <p>The award is intended to focus on women’s health issues where further research is needed. Funding is available for women’s health issues, ranging from disorders that affect primarily women, (e.g., lupus and scleroderma) to the effects of hormones and environmental factors on skin and cutaneous aging.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree • Candidates with an M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. must be no greater than 12 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Candidates with a Ph.D. must be no greater than 8 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Appropriate initial training in biomedical research (i.e., two to three-year fellowship or postdoctoral training) • Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level) • Proposed research focuses on women’s health issues • Junior investigator in the early stages of academic career • Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research • Strong institutional commitment for the individual’s career development
<p>Medical Dermatology Career Development Award - \$55,000 annual salary stipend (renewable up to two years)</p> <p>This CDA provides funding for future intellectual leaders, educators, and clinical scholars in aspects of the specialty that address severe dermatologic disease.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree • Candidates must be no greater than 12 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program • Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level) • Under the mentorship of an experienced medical dermatologist • Strong institutional commitment for individual’s career development
<p>Pediatric Dermatology Career Development Award - \$55,000 annual salary stipend (renewable up to two years)</p> <p>This award supports future intellectual leaders, educators, clinical scholars and/or translational investigators in aspects of the specialty that relate to dermatologic diseases in infants and children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree • Candidates must be no greater than 12 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program and a U.S. fellowship program in pediatric dermatology • Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research that can advance the field of pediatric dermatology • Junior faculty member in a department/division of dermatology in the early stages of an academic career (through Assistant Professor level) • Under the mentorship of an experienced educator, clinician or laboratory-based investigator • Mentor must have an academic appointment in dermatology or another program that is approved by the dermatology chair • Strong institutional commitment for individual’s career development

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2) Career Development Awards (continued)	
<p>Research Career Development Award - \$55,000 annual salary (renewable up to two years)</p> <p>The Research Career Development Award assists individuals in the transition from fellowship to established investigator.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree • Candidates with an M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. must be no greater than 12 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Candidates with a Ph.D. must be no greater than 8 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Appropriate initial training in biomedical research (i.e., two to three-year fellowship or postdoctoral training) • Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level) • Junior investigator in the early stages of academic career • Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research • Strong institutional commitment for the individual's career development
3) Fellowship	
<p>Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowship - \$30,000 salary stipend</p> <p>This fellowship supports dermatologists who desire research training and have a commitment to an academic career in medical and surgical dermatology.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree • Completed training in a 3-year U.S. dermatology residency program OR completed one year of 4-year U.S. dermatology residency program and will be in lab or research year during award period • Assistant Professor or above not eligible • Must devote 75% of time to cutaneous research • Mentor must have an academic appointment in dermatology or another program at the sponsoring institution that is approved by the dermatology chair • May only receive simultaneous salary support from department funds, NIH training grant, mentor's R01/P01 grant, and other granting agency providing support equivalent to a training grant
4) Grants	
<p>Patient Directed Investigation Grant - \$20,000 research support</p> <p>This grant exists to support translational studies that have the potential to benefit patients directly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree • Candidates must be no greater than 12 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Completed training in U.S. dermatology residency program • Clinical investigator in the early stages of academic career • Project not funded from other sources
<p>Research Grant - \$20,000 research support</p> <p>This grant provides financial support for research projects in dermatology and cutaneous biology that benefit the dermatology community at large.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree • Candidates with an M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. must be no greater than 12 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Candidates with a Ph.D. must be no greater than 8 years beyond their terminal degree at the time of funding • Investigator in the early stages of academic career • Project not funded from other sources • Not available to residents unless in a research year of 4-year program defined by no more than 20% of time devoted to clinical responsibilities