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Dermatology Foundation Awards \$3 million in Research Funding

The Dermatology Foundation (DF) announced at its annual meeting that it is awarding \$3 million in research support this year. Sixty-five (65) individuals have received funding effective July 1, 2010, as part of the Foundation's mission to advance patient care by supporting the early research efforts of the brightest new physicians and scientists pursuing academic and research careers in dermatology.

The range of funded research projects is broad and each seeks to better understand and treat skin, hair and nail conditions and diseases, including: melanoma and other skin cancers; rosacea; vitiligo; and epidermolysis bullosa. Continuing its emphasis on career development, the Foundation awarded 46 career development awards (CDAs) of \$55,000/year for three years. The Foundation also gave eight (8) one-year fellowships and 11 project grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$45,000.

The multi-year CDAs are the most competitive awards and are reserved for those who have the potential to make significant contributions to the field of dermatology. The 46 CDAs were awarded in the following areas: 12 Physician-Scientist; 7 Medical Dermatology; 6 Dermatologic Surgery; 3 Health Care Policy; 1 Women's Health Care; 14 Basic Science Research; and 3 Science of Human Appearance. One-year fellowships were awarded in the following categories: 7 Dermatologist Investigator Research and 1 Pediatric Dermatology. Single-year grant awards include: 3 Patient Directed Investigation, 5 Basic Science Research, 1 Epidermolysis Bullosa, 1 Dermatopathology, and 1 Program Development.

Established in 1964, the DF is "THE Foundation for Dermatology" and is the leading source of private funding for research and career development in the specialty. The Foundation's role is to provide funding that will help develop and retain tomorrow's teachers and researchers in dermatology and ultimately enable dermatologists to provide the best possible skin, hair and nail care. For more information about the DF, visit www.dermatologyfoundation.org.

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