

# 2024 Research Award Program Summary

The Dermatology Foundation is accepting applications for its 2024 research awards. 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 at **the time of funding**. The following is a summary of the DF’s 2024 offering of 16 research awards. Applicants are encouraged to read the detailed award and application requirements available at [dermatologyfoundation.org](http://dermatologyfoundation.org).

The Dermatology Foundation encourages research applications concerning health issues impacting minority populations including, but not limited to racial and sexual gender/LGBTQ minorities and underserved/disadvantaged populations. In addition, applicants from groups underrepresented or underserved in biomedical research are encouraged to apply.

### Deadlines for Application Submissions:

- October 16, 2023** –Career development award, fellowship, and grant applications
- November 1, 2023 & May 1, 2024** –Diversity Research supplement award requests
- December 1, 2023** – All mid-career award applications

Questions? Contact [DFRAP@dermatologyfoundation.org](mailto:DFRAP@dermatologyfoundation.org).

Research Award Category and Purpose	Applicant Eligibility Requirements
<b>1) Mid-career Awards (\$100,000 annual research support for up to 3 years)</b>	
<p><b>Bristol Myers Squibb Psoriasis Research Award</b></p> <p>Supports the research of an outstanding mid-career investigator with an established trajectory of excellence in basic, clinical, or translational science. The area of study would advance aspects of dermatology related to psoriasis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• At least 75% of time is committed to research</li> <li>• Appropriate training and experience in relevant research</li> <li>• Faculty appointment in accredited derm. department/division, within 12 years of appointment as an Assistant Professor (as of January 1, 2024)</li> <li>• Strong demonstrated commitment to research</li> <li>• Research aims unique to award</li> <li>• Cannot hold other DF support at the time of funding</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sanofi-Regeneron Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Mid-Career Research Award</b></p> <p>This new award will fund the research of an outstanding investigator with an established trajectory of excellence in basic, clinical, or translational science. The supported research projects are expected to yield novel results that expand the understanding of dermatological issues impacting underrepresented or underserved groups in medicine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• At least 75% of time is committed to research</li> <li>• Appropriate training and experience in relevant research</li> <li>• Faculty appointment in accredited derm. department/division, within 12 years of appointment as an Assistant Professor (as of January 1, 2024)</li> <li>• Strong demonstrated commitment to research</li> <li>• Proposed project must address an issue impacting groups underrepresented or underserved in medicine</li> <li>• Research aims unique to award</li> <li>• Cannot hold other DF support at the time of funding</li> </ul>

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<b>2) Career Development Awards (\$55,000 annual salary stipend for up to three years)</b>	
<p><b>Physician Scientist Career Development Award</b></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"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• Completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program</li> <li>• Appropriate initial training in relevant research (i.e., a two- to three-year research fellowship or postdoctoral training)</li> <li>• Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level)</li> <li>• Clinically oriented investigator in the early stages of academic career</li> <li>• Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research</li> <li>• Strong institutional commitment for individual's career development</li> </ul>
<p><b>Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Career Development Award</b></p> <p><b><i>A new career development award</i></b> to support research addressing issues impacting groups <i>underrepresented or underserved in medicine</i>, including, <i>but not limited to</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Racial and ethnic minorities</li> <li>• Sexual and gender minorities,</li> <li>• Underserved/disadvantaged populations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• Appropriate initial training in biomedical research (i.e., two- to three-year fellowship or postdoctoral training)</li> <li>• Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level)</li> <li>• Junior investigator in the early stages of academic career</li> <li>• Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research</li> <li>• Strong institutional commitment for individual's career development</li> </ul>
<p><b>Public Health Career Development Award</b></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, teledermatology, or other topics relating to public health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• M.D. and D.O. applicants must have completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program</li> <li>• Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (through Asst. Prof. level)</li> <li>• Formal relationship with a mentor who possesses recognized expertise in health care policy or public health research</li> <li>• Clinically oriented investigator in the early stages of academic career</li> <li>• Strong institutional commitment for individual's career development</li> </ul>
<p><b>Clinical Career Development Award in Dermatologic Surgery</b></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"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• Completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program</li> <li>• Completed at least one-year post-residency surgical training in procedural dermatology in the U.S. at the time of funding</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level)</li> <li>• Strong institutional commitment for individual's career development</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Women’s Health Career Development Award</b></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"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• Appropriate initial training in biomedical research (i.e., two- to three-year fellowship or postdoctoral training)</li> <li>• Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level)</li> <li>• Proposed research focuses on women’s health issues</li> <li>• Junior investigator in the early stages of academic career</li> <li>• Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research</li> <li>• Strong institutional commitment for individual’s career development</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dermatopathology Research Career Development Award</b></p> <p>The Dermatopathology Research 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"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• Completed training in a U.S. dermatology or pathology residency program and a U.S. fellowship program in dermatopathology</li> <li>• Under the mentorship of an experienced investigator(s)</li> <li>• Mentor must have an academic appointment in dermatology or another program at the sponsoring institution that is approved by the derm. chair</li> <li>• Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level) in the early stages of an academic career</li> <li>• Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research that can advance the field of dermatopathology</li> <li>• Strong institutional commitment for individual’s career development</li> </ul>
<p><b>Medical Dermatology Career Development Award</b></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"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• Completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program</li> <li>• Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level)</li> <li>• Under the mentorship of an experienced medical dermatologist</li> <li>• Strong institutional commitment for individual’s career development</li> </ul>
<p><b>Science of Human Appearance Career Development</b></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"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• M.D. and D.O. applicant must have completed a U.S. dermatology residency program</li> <li>• Ph.D. applicant must have completed at least 2 years post-doctoral training</li> <li>• M.D. and D.O. applicant must have a strong laboratory collaborator, Ph.D. must have a strong connection with an M.D. conducting appearance work</li> <li>• Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof. level)</li> <li>• High level of interest in the science of human skin appearance</li> <li>• Strong institutional commitment for individual’s career development</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Pediatric Dermatology Career Development Award</b></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"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• Completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program and a U.S. fellowship program in pediatric dermatology</li> <li>• Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research that can advance the field of pediatric dermatology</li> <li>• Junior faculty member in a department/division of dermatology in the early stages of an academic career (through Assistant Professor level)</li> <li>• Under the mentorship of an experienced educator, clinician, or laboratory-based investigator</li> <li>• Mentor must have an academic appointment in dermatology or another program that is approved by the dermatology chair</li> <li>• Strong institutional commitment for individual's career development</li> </ul>
<p><b>Research Career Development Award</b></p> <p>The Research Career Development Award assists individuals in the transition from fellowship to established investigator.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• Appropriate initial training in biomedical research (i.e., two- to three-year fellowship or postdoctoral training)</li> <li>• Junior faculty member in a dept./div. of dermatology (<i>through</i> Asst. Prof.)</li> <li>• Junior investigator in the early stages of academic career</li> <li>• Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research</li> <li>• Strong institutional commitment for individual's career development</li> </ul>
<p><b>3) Fellowship (\$30,000 salary support for one year)</b></p>	
<p><b>Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowship</b></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"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Assistant Professor or above not eligible</li> <li>• Must devote 75% of time to cutaneous research</li> <li>• Mentor must have an academic appointment in dermatology or another program at the sponsoring institution that is approved by the derm. chair</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
<p><b>4) Grants (\$20,000 in seed funding for one year research project)</b></p>	
<p><b>Patient Directed Investigation Grant</b></p> <p>This grant exists to support translational studies that have the potential to benefit patients directly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• Completed training in U.S. dermatology residency program</li> <li>• Clinical investigator in the early stages of academic career</li> <li>• Project not funded from other sources</li> </ul>
<p><b>Research Grant</b></p> <p>This grant provides financial support for research projects in dermatology that benefit the dermatology community at large.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree</li> <li>• Investigator in the early stages of academic career</li> <li>• Project not funded from other sources</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
<p><b>5) Diversity Research Supplement Award (\$5,000 for expenses for medical student participation)</b></p>	
<p>Developed to enhance diversity in the field of dermatology. Supports the in-depth participation of a medical student—in a full-time research project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical student identifies as belonging to a group underrepresented in biomedical research</li> <li>• Applicant is current /former DF career development awards recipient</li> <li>• Student's participation spans six to 12 weeks supporting existing project</li> <li>• Applications accepted twice a year for funding in 2024</li> </ul>

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### Institutional Quotas

The Foundation accepts the following number of award applications from a **single academic program**, including all affiliated institutions. The following quotas apply to new applications, and do not include renewal requests for career development awards.

Dermatology Foundation Research Award	# of New Applications per Institution
1. All mid-career awards	Unlimited
2. All career development awards	One per CDA category
3. Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowship	Two
4. Patient Directed and Research Grants	One per grant category
5. Diversity Research Supplement Award	Unlimited