



Dermatology
Foundation

**2026
Bristol Myers Squibb
Psoriasis Research Award
Applicant Instructions**

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Shaping the Future of Dermatology

Introduction

The Dermatology Foundation is pleased to offer a research award made possible by a generous contribution from Bristol Myers Squibb — **the 2026 Bristol Myers Squibb Psoriasis Research Award**. The Foundation welcomes award applications for basic, clinical, or translational research that would advance aspects of dermatology related to **psoriasis**.

This award is designed to support the research of outstanding **mid-career investigators**. It is the expectation that **Bristol Myers Squibb Award** applicants are actively pursuing “R” funding to further their research and academic careers in dermatology.

About the Dermatology Foundation

The Dermatology Foundation was founded in 1964 as a charitable organization whose mission is to enable advancements in patient care by supporting innovative research completed by promising investigators. It is understood that this core mission of the DF will expand our understanding of a broad array of dermatologic diseases as well as systemic diseases with cutaneous manifestations and foster the development of new and improved treatments. To achieve these goals, the Foundation designed and established a comprehensive Research Award Program with funding mechanisms that serve all areas of the specialty.

Since its creation, the DF has allocated nearly \$91 million to support the novel research of talented investigators and educators in dermatology and cutaneous biology.

Award Details

a. Description

The **Bristol Myers Squibb Psoriasis Research Award** would fund the research of outstanding investigators 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 and/or treatment of patients. ***The area of study would advance aspects of dermatology related to psoriasis.*** Research proposals are expected to be hypothesis-driven and should span three years.

b. Amount and Effective Date

The **Bristol Myers Squibb Award** provides **\$100,000 in annual support for up to three years**. Award funds may be used for any combination of salary and related benefits, and project expenses supporting a meritorious project. Award funds may not be used for indirect costs. Funding will be effective **July 1, 2026**.

c. Award Eligibility Requirements

This award is designed to support outstanding mid-career investigators committed to advancing aspects of dermatology related to psoriasis. Recipients will have the ideas and experience needed to pave the way for scientific advancements and improvements in patient care. The specific eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Strong demonstrated commitment to research
2. At least 75% of their time is committed to research
3. Appropriate training and experience in relevant research
4. Faculty appointment in an accredited dermatology department/division, within 12 years of appointment as an Assistant Professor (as of January 1, 2026)
5. Demonstrates a strong commitment to research in aspects of dermatology related to psoriasis
6. M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; D.O.; or Ph.D. degree
- 7. Research aims are unique to this award**
8. Cannot hold other DF support at the time of funding (CDA-Yr3 recipients may apply)

Recipients may concurrently hold federally funded awards or their equivalent (e.g., NIH, VA, DOD, FDA, Doris Duke, and Burroughs Wellcome). Individuals identified as belonging to a group underrepresented in biomedical research are encouraged to apply.

d. General Eligibility Requirements

The **Bristol Myers Squibb Psoriasis Research Award** is subject to the Dermatology Foundation's general eligibility requirements for its Research Award Program, which must be met at the time of funding (i.e., July 1, 2026). As a result, the research funded by this award must be conducted in the U.S. under the sponsorship of a division or department of dermatology that has an ACGME-approved dermatology residency program. A project involving human subjects must have IRB approval at the time funding commences and throughout the term of the award. Award funds may not be used for indirect expenses.

e. Application Deadline

Applications for the **2026 Bristol Myers Squibb Psoriasis Research Award** will be accepted by the Dermatology Foundation beginning **September 15 through December 1, 2025**. Please note that the submission procedure requires applicants to submit their application via the new [DF Mid-Career Research Award Portal](#).

f. Additional Considerations

There is no limit to the number of award applications that may be submitted per institution.

g. Selection Process

Up to three recipients will be selected by the DF's Board of Directors based on the recommendations of the Medical and Scientific Committee. Application for renewal of the award is required for years two and three and will be based on a review of progress to date.

Application Instructions

To apply for the **2026 Bristol Myers Squibb Psoriasis Research Award**, you will need to assemble the following items, as directed in the table below:

- a. NIH bio-sketch
- b. Research proposal
- c. Budget
- d. Letter of support from the dermatology chair/chief
- e. Short and long layperson's description of research project
- f. Black and white headshot
- g. Original figures – *Optional*

All components of your application package must be submitted through the [DF Mid-Career Research Award Portal](#) no later than **December 1st, 2025 at 11:59 PM CST**. All required documents below must be uploaded in a pdf. Receipt of your application will be confirmed via email.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Description and Requirements</i>
a. NIH bio-sketch	Provide your current NIH bio-sketch. Be sure to limit the number of pages to 5. Also, be sure to disclose prior, current and pending research support (aims must not overlap with those proposed in application).
b. Research proposal	Provide up to a two-page description of your proposed research project. Your proposal must include title of project, specific aims, background and preliminary data, experimental design and methods, projected results and significance, and references/literature cited. Font size must be at least 12 pt. with no more than 15 characters per inch and no more than six lines within a vertical inch. Citations may be in a smaller font size. Leave one-inch margins on all sides. Do not append any additional material.
c. Detailed budget	Provide a one-page, three-year budget that identifies how award funds will be used. Provide appropriate justification for each line item. The DF employs the NIH definition of direct costs; please be sure no indirect costs are included in your budget.
d. Letter of support from dermatology chair/chief	Provide a letter of support from your chair on your institution's letterhead. The letter must certify that 75% of your time is devoted to research and it should identify departmental commitments/resources that have been devoted to support you (e.g., space, protected time, development funds and technical support). Additional comments relevant to the review of your application (e.g., including institutional/special resources, and patient registries) are encouraged. The letter can be up to two pages .

Application Instructions (cont.)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Description and Requirements</i>
e. Short and long lay description of research project (<i>separate pdfs</i>)	Provide two descriptions of your research proposal in lay terms for use in the DF's printed award announcements. The short version should be limited to 100 words. The long version should be limited to one page . Margins may be no smaller than 1" and a 12-pt. font must be used.
f. Color headshot	Provide a file containing a colored photo of you dressed professionally. Vertical orientation is required. The file must be at least 150 DPI at 8x10.
g. Research Proposal Figures (<i>optional</i>)	For greater clarity, provide a file containing only those images/figures in your proposal. Do not include additional information.

Questions?

Should you have any questions regarding the application process for the new award, please feel free to contact DFRAP@dermatologyfoundation.org. You may also call the DF office at 847-328-2256 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST, Monday-Friday).