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SHAPING THE FUTURE OF DERMATOLOGY



TURNING POTENTIAL INTO PROGRESS

2025 DERMATOLOGY FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT



TRANSFORMING PROMISING IDEAS INTO MEANINGFUL ADVANCES FOR DERMATOLOGY AND PATIENT CARE.

Today's leading experts were promising investigators with innovative ideas. Since 1964, the Dermatology Foundation has advanced patient care by funding early and mid-career researchers poised to make breakthroughs. With your support we can empower discovery and sustain the next generation to drive progress.

TURNING POTENTIAL INTO PROGRESS

2025 Year in Review



Planting Seeds for New Growth in Research

This is the Dermatology Foundation's impact on our community: By the end of 2025, we had invested more than \$92 million in 2,622 research projects. We've supported 1,378 research careers of people who have helped advance our specialty across the board through science, clinical research, and academia.

Member physicians contributed \$1 million in 2025, and our industry and society partners, \$2.2 million. Foundation funding may be rooted in individual support, but its impact extends across the dermatology community.

We are not simply backing the discovery of more effective treatments for skin and hair diseases. We are cultivating the careers of tomorrow's leaders in dermatology by validating their ideas; ideas that may, and indeed have, led to breakthroughs.

A MISSION TO EDUCATE

The Foundation's commitment to discovery is matched by its commitment to education. Each year, the DF Clinical Symposium, our premier national CME event, brings together leading experts to share practical insights, current research, and the latest, most relevant advances in the specialty.

In 2025, 12 speakers delivered 24 lectures across six categories: Updates That Matter, Pearls of Wisdom, A Glimpse Into the Future, Clinical Cases in Action, Beyond the Rash, and Challenges in Skin Cancer.

Attendees have told us that what makes the Symposium so valuable is the chance to see patient care through another expert's lens. Speakers value the chance to connect with participants in ways that are both meaningful and informative.

A RECORD YEAR

The DF Research Award Program, the Foundation's primary pillar, fuels innovation, bridges critical funding gaps, and launches early-career investigators whose work often goes on to secure NIH support.

We were proud to award a record \$3.67 million across 55 awards in 17 categories and 35 unique topic areas at 25 academic institutions in March 2026.

The supported research projects expected to generate new insights that advance understanding of dermatologic conditions. Collaborating with organizations, as we have with the Skin of Color Society and the Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation, has helped strengthen research in areas of need. These partnerships remain an important part of how the Foundation will continue to advance its mission.

This year's Mid-Career recipients of DF research awards, Drs. Thomas Leung, Angel Byrd, Tarannum Jaleel, and our new Early-Career Innovator Award recipient, Dr. Andrew Ji, are each working on research ideas meant to improve patient outcomes.

Improving outcomes is a phrase we use often, but it's the reason the DF exists. It is the reason we support early and mid-career investigators. It is the reason we are committed and deeply engaged with fundraising among members and sponsors.

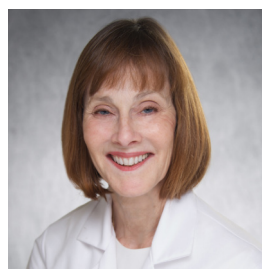
Eighty percent of Foundation recipients eventually receive NIH grants, and their success rate is high. This encourages junior faculty to stay in academic medicine and, eventually, it helps the community because many of these researchers are physician-scientists who also see patients.

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

At its heart, our work is about planting seeds: supporting the right people at the right time so that discovery has time to flourish. Physicians, industry partners, societies, and supporters all play a role in sustaining the discoveries that move the field forward.

When you support the Foundation, you support the education that strengthens dermatology today, and the research that can lead to better therapies, better outcomes, and new possibilities for patients.

Ultimately that is the Foundation's impact: a community investing in its own future, one idea, one investigator, and one discovery at a time.



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The Dermatology Foundation supports innovative research of promising investigators—driving new knowledge and advancements in patient care. Thanks to the generosity of our 2025 supporters, the DF awarded \$3.67 million in research funding in March 2026.

\$3.67 MILLION IN RESEARCH FUNDING

17

Research Award
Categories



55

Researchers



25

Academic
Institutions



DERMATOLOGY FOUNDATION FUNDING supports outstanding research that will tackle unique questions across dermatology. The work proposed by 2026 award recipients will provide progress in 35 distinct different areas of focus.

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| + Allergy | + Epidermal Structure and Barrier Function | + Inflammation | + Photobiology |
| + Atopic Dermatitis | + Genodermatoses | + Melanoma | + Psoriasis |
| + Auto-immunity | + Growth Factors, Cell Adhesion and Matrix Biology | + Microbiology | + Skin and Hair Developmental Biology |
| + Carcinogenesis and Cancer Genetics | + Hair Disorders | + Microbiome | + Skin of Color |
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DF Research Award Program

The Dermatology Foundation invests in early and mid-career researchers with novel ideas and strong potential to achieve scientific discoveries that lead to new treatments and improved patient care. Identifying those promising researchers and their meritorious research is the role of the DF's Medical and Scientific Committee and the Clinical Medical, Surgical, and Dermatopathology Panel, made up of 19 specialty leaders whose expertise spans the field. The committee and panel members review proposals following a rigorous process based on the National Institutes of Health study section.

DF Early-Career Innovator Award Focused on Inflammatory Skin Diseases

Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson

The DF Early-Career Innovator Award funds research for early-career investigators focusing on inflammatory skin disorders. It recognizes an outstanding investigator who is building a strong record in basic, clinical, or translational science. The awarded research aims to generate innovative insights that enhance our understanding of dermatological problems linked to inflammatory skin conditions. This award provides \$100,000 in research dollars per year for up to three years.



Andrew Ji, MD

Icahn School of Medicine

*Dissecting Mechanisms of Fibroblast
Memory During Skin Inflammation
and Relapse*

YEAR ONE

I am deeply grateful to the Dermatology Foundation for supporting our lab through the Early-Career Innovator Award. This support enables us to pursue the most pressing questions in understanding chronic skin inflammation and to compete for NIH grants that will help carry this work forward."

– Andrew Ji, MD

DF Bristol Myers Squibb Psoriasis Research Award

The DF Bristol Myers Squibb Psoriasis Research Award supports the research of an outstanding mid-career investigator with an established trajectory of excellence in basic, clinical, or translational science. Funded research is centered on advancing the understanding or treatment of psoriasis. This award provides \$100,000 in research dollars per year for up to three years.

Bahram Razani, MD, PhD

University of California, San Francisco

*Investigating Signaling Kinetics as
Determinant of Psoriatic Inflammation*

YEAR TWO



Marlys S. Fassett, MD, PhD

University of California, San Francisco

*Searching for IL-31: Toward Curative Targeting
of Psoriasis Skin TRM Cells*

YEAR THREE



DF Skin of Color Society Collaborative Mid-Career Award

Sponsored by Sanofi and Regeneron

The Dermatology Foundation and the Skin of Color Society are pleased to collaborate on a mid-career award that supports projects that will expand the understanding of dermatological issues impacting underrepresented or underserved groups in medicine. This award provides \$100,000 in research dollars per year to an exceptional mid-career researcher for up to three years.

Angel Byrd, MD, PhD

Howard University College of Medicine

*Understanding the Role of Pathogen-Mediated Immune
Dysregulation in Hidradenitis Suppurativa*

YEAR ONE



Thank you for this amazing opportunity and support. I am eager to pursue my outlined project. I look forward to representing the Dermatology Foundation and hopefully moving the field forward. - Dr. Angel Byrd

Tarannum Jaleel, MD, MHSc

Duke University

*AR Signaling and CXCL12-Mediated Neutrophil Retention in
Hidradenitis Suppurativa*

YEAR ONE



I am truly grateful to the Dermatology Foundation and the review committee for selecting my application for the DF SOCS Collaborative Mid-Career Award. I am honored by the support and very much looking forward to the award period. - Dr. Tarannum Jaleel

Crystal Aguh, MD

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

*Probing Transcriptomic Impact of Metabolic Interventions
in CCCA*

YEAR TWO



DF Mechanisms of Type 2 Inflammation Mid-Career Award

Sponsored by Sanofi and Regeneron

The DF Mechanisms of Type 2 Inflammation Mid-Career Award aims to support the research of outstanding investigators with an established track record of excellence in basic, clinical, or translational science. The funded projects are expected to generate new insights that enhance our understanding of dermatological issues related to mechanisms of Type 2 inflammation. This award provides \$100,000 in research dollars per year for up to three years.



Thomas Leung, MD, PhD

University of Pennsylvania

*Molecular Matching to End Trial-and-Error
in Atopic Dermatitis Therapy*

YEAR ONE

"I am honored to receive this award. DF support is so important for all dermatology research, and the DF does a wonderful job supporting science."

– Thomas Leung, MD, PhD

*The DF support provides almost an incubator-like environment that prepares our awardees to be a lot more competitive with NIH and other major funding agencies. Our own DF data completely confirms this. **That early support is critical.***

Sewon Kang, MD, MPH

DF Vice President



DF Career Development Awards

DF Career development awards support our field's top investigators by providing funding to help them gain the experience and data needed for independent research grants. Each recipient receives \$75,000 in annual salary support.

Dermatologic Surgery Career Development Award



Jason Klein, MD, PhD | Year 1

University of Colorado

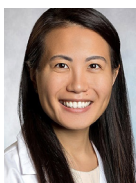
Investigating the Role of COL6A3 in Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Monitoring of Soft Tissue Sarcomas



Aubriana McEvoy, MD, MS | Year 1

Washington University

Integrating Clinical, Biomarker, and Pathologic Data to Optimize Risk Calculation and Management of Merkel Cell Carcinoma



Nina Ran, MD, MSTR, MPH | Year 1

Harvard University - Brigham and Women's

Investigating the Tumor Microenvironment and Host Immune Response to Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

Dermatopathology Research Career Development Award



Julie Deutsch, MD | Year 3

Johns Hopkins University

Analytical and Clinical Validation of a mIF Biomarker for Anti-PD-1 Therapy in Melanoma

Medical Dermatology Career Development Award



Allison Dobry, MD | Year 1

University of California - San Francisco

Pruritus in Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor and EGFR Inhibitor Therapy: Defining Shared Neuro-Immune Pathways to Guide Interventions



Connie Shi, MD | Year 1

Harvard University - Brigham and Women's

Value of Patient-Reported Outcome Measures in Clinical Practice for Cancer Treatment-Associated Dermatologic Adverse Events



Collin Costello, MD | Year 2

Mayo Clinic - Arizona

Machine Learning to Identify Genomorphological Features of Germline Melanoma



Avery LaChance, MD, MPH | Year 2

Harvard University - Brigham and Women's

Fibrotic Skin Disease Tissue Registry: Partnering with Patients to Develop Patient-Reported Outcomes



Cuong Nguyen, MD | Year 2

Northwestern University

Clinicopathologic Metrics and Therapies for Cytotoxic Chemotherapy Reactions

Medical Frontiers in Dermatology Career Development Award



Giang Nguyen, MD, PhD | Year 1

Mayo Clinic School - Rochester

Personalized Treatment For Melanoma: Identifying Novel Markers of Diagnosis and Survival



Ernest Lee, MD, PhD | Year 2

University of California - San Francisco

Computational Discovery of Therapeutic Candidates for Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Pediatric Dermatology Career Development Award



Ilka Netravali, MD, PhD | Year 1

Stanford University

Noninvasive Plucked-Hair Transcriptomics to Predict Treatment Response in Pediatric Alopecia Areata



Jinwoo Lee, MD, PhD | Year 2

Stanford University

Investigation of XIST as a Driver of Sex-biased Autoimmune Skin Disease



Edward Li, MD, PhD | Year 2

Northwestern University

Integrated Single-Cell and Spatial Transcriptomic Dissection of Inflammatory Hair Loss Disorders



Eugene Park, MD, PhD | Year 2

Johns Hopkins University

Ribosomal Regulation of the NLRP1 Inflammasome in Keratinocytes



Colleen Cotton, MD* | Year 2

Children's National Hospital

Phenotyping Hidradenitis Suppurativa in Pediatric Patients

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Physician Scientist Career Development Award



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University of Missouri

Alpha-gal Temporal Longitudinal Antibody Study



Swapneel Patel, MD, PhD, MS, BS | Year 2

University of Texas - Southwestern

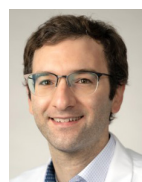
Novel Mechanisms and Functions of cGAS/STING Signaling



Jennifer Lo, MD, PhD | Year 3

Harvard University - Beth Israel Deaconess

Characterizing Epitope Spreading and Response to mRNA Melanoma Immunotherapy by In Situ Sequencing



Joseph Durgin, MD, MSc | Year 1

University of Michigan

Targeting Stromal Pathobiology to Suppress the Progression of Basal Cell Carcinoma in Field Cancerized Skin



Stephen Li, MD, PhD | Year 1

Northwestern University

Non-cell Autonomous Reprogramming Enables Adult Hair Follicle Neogenesis

Public Health Career Development Award



Scott Elman, MD | Year 1

University of Miami

Improving Pressure Injury Classification and Prevention: A Systems-Based Framework for Early Recognition, Risk Stratification, and Skin Failure



Molly Hales, MD, PhD* | Year 1

University of Chicago

Developing the Expedited HS Diagnosis Package to Identify New HS Patients from the ED

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Margaret MacGibeny, MD, PhD | Year 1

Yale University

Characterizing Human Skin Bacteria-Induced Sensory Neuron Activation in Inflammatory Skin Disease



Shannon Wongvibulsin, MD, PhD | Year 1

University of California - Los Angeles

Optical Biomarkers of Cutaneous Inflammation for Non-Invasive Diagnosis and Monitoring of Inflammatory Dermatoses

Public Health Career Development Award



Leandra Barnes, MD | Year 2

Stanford University

Geospatial Social Determinants of Health and Healthcare Inequities in Hidradenitis Suppurativa



Zachary Hopkins, MD | Year 2

University of Utah

Development of a Patient-Reported Outcome-Based Autoimmune Skin Disease Monitoring Program



Alexandra Charrow, MD, MBE | Year 3

Harvard University - Brigham and Women's

Understanding Emergency Room Utilization in Patients with Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS): A Mixed Method Analysis

Research Career Development Award



Yintong Chen, PhD | Year 1

University of Pennsylvania

Impact of Y Chromosome Loss on Epidermal Homeostasis



Sofia Murga Garrido, MD, PhD, BS | Year 2

University of Pennsylvania

Maternal Gut Microbiome Alterations Increase Risk for Early Childhood Atopic Dermatitis

Science of Human Appearance Career Development Award



Deborah Minzaghi, PhD | Year 1

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Microbiota-Mediated Protection Against Pollutant-Induced Skin Barrier Damage and Inflammation



Mio Nakamura, MD, MS | Year 3

University of Michigan

Phototherapy in Psoriasis Patients of Skin of Color

Women's Health Career Development Award



Sisi Chen, PhD | Year 1

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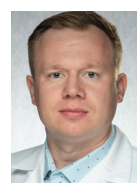
PIK3CD: A Novel Tissue Checkpoint Controlling T Cell Adaptation to Human Skin in Women's Inflammatory Diseases



Rochelle Castillo, MD, MS | Year 2

Harvard University - Brigham and Women's

Defining the Phenotypic Drivers of Dermatomyositis Through Integrated Cutaneous Transcriptomic and Lipidomic Analysis



Michal Kidacki, MD, PhD* | Year 3

University of Iowa

TIGIT Signaling in Hidradenitis Suppurativa

*Sponsored by Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation



Erin Theisen, MD, PhD | Year 3

Harvard University - Brigham and Women's

Granzyme K in Autoimmune Skin Disease

DF Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowships

Dermatology investigators may begin their academic careers with a DF Fellowship Award. Supporting investigators during their early-career enhances the potential for future innovation. This award offers a one-year salary stipend of \$35,000 to the most promising physician-scientists who have recently finished their dermatology residency.



Ruoyi Jiang, MD, PhD, MS, BS

Yale University

Integrating Single-Cell Computer Vision and Spatial Transcriptomics to Define Morpho-Molecular Signatures in Epidermal Inflammatory Dermatoses



Andrew Tadros, MD, PhD

Johns Hopkins University

Reprogramming the Aged Tumor Microenvironment Through Targeted Plasmid Delivery



Andrew King, MD, PhD

Harvard University - Massachusetts General Hospital

Defining a Novel Antigen Presentation Pathway to Enhance Melanoma Immunotherapy



Amanda Truong, MD, PhD

University of California - Los Angeles

Comparative Transcriptomic Analysis Underlying Exceptional Anti-PD1 Response in Desmoplastic Melanoma



Michelle Mintz, MD, PhD

University of California - San Francisco

Autoantibody Discovery in Cutaneous Chronic Graft-Versus-Host Disease



Catherine Xie, MD, PhD

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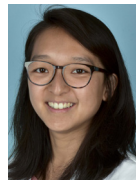
Understanding the Roles of Dendritic Cells and Regulatory T Cells in Primary Cicatricial Alopecias



Caroline Myers, MD

University of Pennsylvania

Investigating the Role of T-cell Exhaustion in Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma



Linda Zhou, MD, PhD

University of Pennsylvania

Immune Mechanisms Driving Foam-Cell Biology in Necrobiotic Xanthogranuloma



Garrett Patrick, MD, PhD

University of California - San Francisco

Investigating Skin Microbiome Genomic Adaptation Using Long-Read Sequencing

DF Basic Research Grants

Each year, the Dermatology Foundation provides grants to support basic science and medical and surgical studies with great potential. These grants provide \$25,000 to support the non-salary components of a research project.

Patient Directed Investigation Grant



Anusha Kumar, MD, MS

Harvard University - Beth Israel Deaconess

Identifying Clinical Phenotypes and Molecular Markers of Cutaneous Adverse Reactions in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Research Grant



Heehwa Son, PhD

Harvard University - Massachusetts General Hospital

Harnessing Commensal Papillomavirus Immunity for Skin Cancer Prevention



Junjira Tanum, PhD

University of Pennsylvania

Microneedles with Programmable Nanocoating for Controlled Drug Release in Hair Follicle Regeneration and Scarless Wound Healing



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The Dermatology Foundation is deeply grateful for the generosity of its 2025 donors. Their donations this year enabled the DF to invest in the most promising investigators, ensuring another strong year of progress and potential for the future of the specialty.

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These donors have included the Dermatology Foundation in their estates. We are deeply grateful for their investment in the future of dermatology. Their legacy will create opportunities for discovery that will benefit patients for years to come.



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Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended December 31, 2025

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,377,769
Accounts receivable	116,355
Contributions receivable, net of allowance of \$13,000	512,750
Other receivables	57,036
Prepaid expenses	325,424
Total current assets	2,389,334

Property and equipment, net	76,400
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Other assets:

Investments	63,217,099
Contributions receivable, net of current portion	583,333
Operating lease right-of-use asset	176,079
Total other assets	63,976,511

Total assets	\$ 66,442,245
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 62,452
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	198,038
Research award commitments	1,394,666
Operating lease liabilities, current	36,206
Deferred revenue	280,136
Total current liabilities	1,971,498

Long-term liabilities:

Operating lease liabilities, net of current portion	157,171
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Total liabilities	2,128,669
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Net assets

Without donor restrictions	59,017,157
With donor restrictions	5,296,419

Total net assets	64,313,576
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Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 66,442,245
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Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Contributions	\$ 1,730,735	\$ 1,509,246	\$ 3,239,981
Meeting registrations	265,060	-	265,060
Investment income, net	8,086,661	67,974	8,154,635
Other income	51,668	-	51,668
Net assets released from restrictions	800,826	(800,826)	-
Total support and revenue	10,934,950	776,394	11,711,344
EXPENSES			
Program	4,803,556	-	4,803,556
Management and general	69,493	-	69,493
Fundraising	1,316,123	-	1,316,123
Total expenses	6,189,172	-	6,189,172
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	4,745,778	776,394	5,522,172
NET ASSETS , Beginning of Year	54,271,379	4,520,025	58,791,404
NET ASSETS , End of Year	\$ 59,017,157	\$ 5,296,419	\$ 64,313,576

Note: The complete audited financial statements of the Dermatology Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2025 may be obtained by contacting the Dermatology Foundation, 5750 Old Orchard Road, Suite 450, Skokie, IL 60077. The Dermatology Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent provided by law.

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