



2027
Mechanisms of Type 2 Inflammation Mid-Career Award

Sponsored by Sanofi-Regeneron

Applicant Instructions

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Introduction

The Dermatology Foundation (DF) is pleased to offer a research award made possible by a generous donation of more than \$650,000 from Sanofi-Regeneron - **Mechanisms of Type 2 Inflammation Mid-Career Award**.

This new award will significantly promote the research of investigators studying Type 2-related skin disorders. The Sanofi-Regeneron Type 2 Inflammation 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 produce innovative findings that deepen our understanding of dermatological issues associated with Type 2 skin conditions.

Designed to support the research of exceptional mid-career investigators, it is expected that Sanofi-Regeneron Mechanisms of Type 2 Inflammation applicants actively pursue “R” funding to further advance their research and academic careers in dermatology.

About the Dermatology Foundation

The Dermatology Foundation's purpose is simple but powerful. For more than sixty years, the Dermatology Foundation has identified and supported the early career work of investigators with great potential. Our research awards have helped launch outstanding research and academic careers, contributing significantly to the development of dermatology as we know it today. To date, the Foundation has awarded more than 2,600 research awards, enabling advancements in patient care by providing over \$95M in discovery funding to talented investigators. The Dermatology Foundation has a proven track record of funding novel ideas and individuals dedicated to expanding understanding of dermatologic conditions and diseases.

Award Details

a. Description

The Mechanisms of Type 2 Inflammation Mid-Career Award supports an outstanding investigator with a proven 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. Proposals should be hypothesis-driven and cover a three-year period.

b. Amount and Effective Date

The Sanofi-Regeneron Award offers \$100,000 annually for up to three years. Award funds can be used for salary, benefits, and project expenses. Indirect expenses are not covered. First-year funding begins on July 1, 2027. Renewal applications are required for second- and third-year funding.

c. Award Eligibility Requirements

This award supports outstanding mid-career investigators committed to advancing our understanding of dermatological issues related to mechanisms of Type 2 inflammation.

The specific eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Mid-Career Investigator within 12 years of appointment as an Assistant Professor as of January 1, 2027
2. Faculty appointment in an accredited dermatology department/division
3. Primary appointment in the dermatology department
4. MD, MD/PhD, DO, or PhD degree
5. At least 75% of their time is committed to research
6. The proposed project must address a dermatological issue associated with type 2 inflammation
7. Research aims must be unique to the award
8. Strong demonstrated commitment to research
9. Appropriate training and experience in relevant research
10. 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, Burroughs Wellcome, etc.).

Award Details (cont.)

d. General Eligibility Requirements

The **Mechanisms of Type 2 Inflammation Mid-Career 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, 2027). 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. A project to be performed as part of the U.S. government research program (except Veterans Administration) or to be performed at a private foundation without an academic affiliation to dermatology is not eligible for funding.

The DF reserves the right to consider and fund an application in an award category that differs from the applicant's original submission.

Application Deadline

Applications for the **2027 Mechanisms of Type 2 Inflammation Mid-Career Award** will be accepted by the Dermatology Foundation from **October 1 through December 1, 2026**. Please note that the submission procedure requires applicants to submit their application via the [DF Mid-Career Research Award Portal](#).

e. Additional Considerations

Institutions may submit a maximum of 2 award applications in this category.

An investigator may submit only one application per cycle across all categories and, if awarded, receive only one Early Innovator/ Mid-Career Award during their academic career.

f. Selection Process

A scientific committee of field experts will select award recipients using a well-defined evaluation process based on the National Institutes of Health procedure for research grants. The collaborative review process will identify worthy applicants—talented researchers with the ideas, thought leadership, and experience needed to advance science and improve patient care. An application to renew the award is required for years two and three, and approval will be based on a review of progress to date.

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To apply for the **2027 Mechanisms of Type 2 Inflammation Mid-Career Award**, you will need to assemble the following items, as directed in the following table:

- a. NIH bio-sketch (make sure to include an extra funding section in the 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. A headshot picture (color)
- g. Research proposal figures– *high-resolution images – **no new figures**, optional*

Application Instructions (cont.)

All components of your application package must be submitted through the [DF Midcareer Research Award Portal](#) no later than **December 1, 2026, at 11:59 PM CST**. All required documents below must be uploaded in individual PDFs. Receipt of your application will be confirmed via email.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Description and Requirements</i>
a. NIH biosketch	Provide your current NIH biosketch. Limit the biosketch to 5 pages. Also, <u>add an (extra) section that discloses prior, current, and pending research support</u> (aims must not overlap with those proposed in the application).
b. Research proposal	Provide up to a two-page description of your proposed research project. Your proposal must include the title of the 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 uses the NIH definition of direct costs; please ensure your budget includes no indirect costs.
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 identify departmental commitments/resources dedicated to supporting you (e.g., space, protected time, development funds, and technical support). Additional comments relevant to the review of your application (e.g., institutional or special resources, patient registries, and other relevant information) are encouraged. The letter can be up to two pages .
e. Short and long lay description of research project (separate PDFs)	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 (JPG)	Provide a file containing a professional headshot of you. Vertical orientation is required. The file must be at least 150 DPI at 8x10.
g. Research Proposal Figures (<i>optional</i>)	For greater clarity, please provide a file containing only the images and figures from your research proposal . <u>Do not</u> include additional information/ figures.

Questions regarding the application process? Please contact the DF at dfrap@dermatologyfoundation.org