

### III. Award Descriptions and Eligibility Requirements

The description and specific applicant eligibility requirements for each Dermatology Foundation research award are presented in this section. All Foundation awards are also subject to the general eligibility requirements presented in section II. Candidates' application materials must clearly show they meet all eligibility requirements at or before the time of funding, July 1, 2006.

An applicant must apply for a specific award. The Dermatology Foundation's research awards are grouped into the following categories:

- A. Career Development Awards
- B. Fellowships
- C. Research Grants
- D. Program Development Grant

#### A. Career Development Awards

The Foundation offers seven categories of career development awards (CDAs). **These awards are highly competitive and may be renewed annually, for up to a total of three years of funding.** Strong institutional commitment for an individual's career development is essential for a recipient of any career development award, and must be clearly explained in the department chair's letter of support. Renewal of a career development award for a second and third year will depend on a recipient's ability to provide evidence of significant progress on the research project, continued departmental commitment to career development, and demonstration that other funding has been pursued.

**All CDAs offer an annual salary stipend of \$55,000** that can be supplemented from institutional sources so that the salary received by the recipient is commensurate with peers within the institution. A CDA applicant is encouraged to seek simultaneous grant support from the Dermatology Foundation and other agencies to provide for the non-salary components of the research being performed under the auspices of an award.

##### 1. Physician Scientist Career Development Award

**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.** This award is intended for the academic investigator demonstrating significant creativity in clinically relevant research.

### III. Award Descriptions and Eligibility Requirements (cont.)

#### A. Career Development Awards (cont.)

##### 1. Physician Scientist Career Development Award (cont.)

**Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree
- Completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program
- Appropriate initial training in relevant research (i.e., a two to three year research fellowship or postdoctoral training)
- Faculty member in a department or division of dermatology
- Must devote 75% or more of time to clinical research
- Clinically oriented investigator in the early stages of academic career
- Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research
- Strong institutional commitment for the individual's career development
- NOT available to a recipient of an NIH career development award

##### 2. Clinical Career Development Award in Dermatologic Surgery

**The dermatologic surgery career development award supports research projects that will further the practice of dermatologic surgery, and develop the teaching, research and leadership careers of dermatologic surgeons.** Priority will be given to new applications from institutions that do not currently have a recipient of this award. The mentor and environment are critical ingredients of successful applications.

For other CDAs, the Foundation requires that 75% of the applicant's time be devoted to research. However, the Dermatologic Surgery CDA requires no such time requirement. Instead, an applicant must identify the time commitment in the research proposal. The letters of support from the chair and mentor must certify the portion of the time the applicant proposes to devote to the research project.

**Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree
- Completed at least one-year post-residency surgical training in the U.S. at the time of funding
- Junior faculty member in a department or division of dermatology
- Strong institutional commitment for the individual's career development
- NOT available to an individual receiving simultaneous salary support from other granting agencies

### III. Award Descriptions and Eligibility Requirements (cont.)

#### A. Career Development Awards (cont.)

##### 3. Clinical Career Development Award in Health Care Policy

**The health care policy CDA supports the establishment and development of health policy careers for dermatologists.** Health policy research includes outcome studies, information system development, and evaluation of methods for delivery and practice of population-based dermatology. The environment of the candidate, the quality of project, and the ability of the project to clarify the place of dermatologic practice in the changing health care environment will be the primary criteria used to select an award recipient.

**Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree
- Completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program
- Faculty member in a department or division of dermatology
- Formal relationship with an organization with recognized expertise in health policy research (e.g., school of public health, health policy institute, etc).
- Must devote 75% or more of time to clinical research
- Clinically-oriented investigator in the early stages of academic career
- Strong institutional commitment for the individual's career development
- NOT a recipient of an NIH career development award

##### 4. Medical Dermatology Career Development Award

**This CDA provides funding for future intellectual leaders, educators, and clinical scholars in that aspect of the specialty that addresses severe dermatologic disease.** The award fosters the careers of young dermatologists who will become the future role models and mentors for physicians diagnosing and treating complex skin disease.

The Medical Dermatology CDA was designed for an individual who desires a patient orientation in his/her academic career, but whose interests are not a good fit within the NIH K-23/24 or KO8 grant mechanism. Such a person will select a focus of interest in which they intend to become an expert. The career plans, required in the research proposal, will detail the ways in which the applicant, aided by the mentor, will acquire expertise in an area of focus. The proposed career plans may be hypothesis driven research, or may systematically analyze natural history, response to therapies or outcomes of a complex, severe disease. The applicant's mentor and mentorship program are important selection criteria.

### III. Award Descriptions and Eligibility Requirements (cont.)

#### A. Career Development Awards (cont.)

##### 4. Medical Dermatology Career Development Award (cont.)

**Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree
- Completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program
- Faculty member in a department or division of dermatology
- Must devote 50% of time to proposed research and 50% to the practice of medical dermatology
- Under the mentorship of a medical dermatologist
- Strong institutional commitment for the individual's career development
- NOT available to an individual receiving simultaneous salary support from other granting agencies

##### 5. Women's Health Career Development Award

**This career development award is offered for the first time this year and is sponsored by the Women's Dermatologic Society. The award is intended to focus on women's health issues where further research is needed.** Funding is available for research in the areas of women's health issues, which range from disorders that affect primarily women, such as lupus and scleroderma, to the effects of hormones and environmental factors on the skin and cutaneous aging.

**Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree
- Appropriate initial training in biomedical research (i.e., two to three-year fellowship or postdoctoral training)
- Faculty member in a department or division of dermatology
- Proposed research focuses on women's health issue (see above)
- Must devote 75% or more of time to research
- Junior investigator in the early stages of career
- Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research
- Strong institutional commitment for the individual's career development
- NOT available to an individual receiving simultaneous salary support from other granting agencies

##### 6. Research Career Development Award

**This award assists an individual in the transition from fellowship to established investigator. It provides career development support in skin research for a junior investigator.**

### **III. Award Descriptions and Eligibility Requirements (cont.)**

#### **A. Career Development Awards (cont.)**

##### **6. Research Career Development Award (cont.)**

###### **Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; Ph.D.; or D.O. degree
- Appropriate initial training in biomedical research (i.e., two to three-year fellowship or postdoctoral training)
- Faculty member in a department or division of dermatology at time of funding and throughout the term of the award
- Must devote 75% or more of time to cutaneous research
- Junior investigator in the early stages of his/her career
- Demonstrates a strong commitment to skin research
- Strong institutional commitment for the individual's career development
- NOT a recipient of an NIH career development award

#### **B. Fellowships**

The Dermatology Foundation offers two fellowships that are intended to advance the research careers of individuals in the early stages of career development. These awards are not intended to support faculty members—i.e., Assistant Professors or above are not eligible. Fellowships provide annual salary stipends. The award may be supplemented by departmental funds of the sponsoring institution or NIH training grants. Award funds cannot be used for payment of indirect costs. Requests for adjustments in the annual award period due to illness, childbirth or other mitigating circumstances will be considered.

In certain cases (i.e., importance of project or unusual merit in execution) consideration may be given for one additional year of support. To qualify for a second year of support, the applicant must submit a complete application package for competitive renewal. A second-year application should clearly set forth any changes in experimental direction or methods, and include a detailed progress report covering work already accomplished. A request for a second year of funding is unusual, and will be judged scientifically on an equal basis with requests for new support. In addition, the second-year application will be subject to the institution's quota for new fellowship applications.

##### **1. Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowship**

**This fellowship supports dermatologists who desire research training and have a commitment to an academic career in medical and surgical dermatology.**

Consideration will also be given to individuals with substantial training in other areas who are entering into skin research. Applicants may NOT apply simultaneously for this award and a Foundation grant.

### III. Award Descriptions and Eligibility Requirements (cont.)

#### B. Fellowships (cont.)

##### 1. Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowship (cont.)

**Award Amount:**

- \$30,000 salary stipend

**Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree
- Completed training in a U.S dermatology residency program
- Assistant Professor or above is not eligible
- Must devote 75% of time to cutaneous research
- Mentor has an academic appointment in dermatology or another program at the sponsoring institution that is approved by the dermatology chair
- NOT available to an individual receiving simultaneous salary support from another granting agency, other than NIH training grants

##### 2. Fellowship in Pediatric Dermatology

**The Foundation's pediatric dermatology fellowship fosters the development of clinical scholars in pediatric dermatology that will advance the field through patient care, research and teaching.** This award is co-sponsored by the Dermatology Foundation and the Society for Pediatric Dermatology. The successful candidate must demonstrate a record of academic interest through publication and/or research. The ability to apply for competitive renewal of this award makes a second year of training possible to enable fellows without any previous pediatric training to complete the requirement of two years of fellowship training for accreditation in pediatric dermatology.

**Award Amount:**

- \$45,000 salary stipend

**Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree
- Completed training in U.S. dermatology residency program
- Board eligible or certified in dermatology
- Is within five years of completion of residency at time of funding
- Assistant Professor or above is not eligible
- Must devote 50% of time to proposed research
- Mentor is a pediatric dermatologist and a member of the Society for Pediatric Dermatology
- NOT available to an individual receiving simultaneous support from another granting agency, other than NIH training grants

### III. Award Descriptions and Eligibility Requirements (cont.)

#### C. Research Grants

**Dermatology Foundation grants are annual awards of \$20,000.** They provide funding that enables recipients to initiate a research project. All grants require the submission of a budget that details the planned use of award funds, and a research/development proposal. Award funds may not be used for the payment of indirect costs.

##### 1. Patient Directed Investigation Grant

**The Patient Directed Investigation Grant exists to support medical and surgical dermatologic studies that have the potential to directly benefit patients.** Funding is intended to enhance the career development of clinical investigators in the early stages of career development. Applications will be judged by the Medical and Scientific Committee's panel of recognized experts in applied medical and surgical dermatology. It is the expectation that the recipients of this award will be the future clinical leaders in dermatology, helping to shape the future of the specialty. Recipients may apply for a second year of funding on a competitive basis.

##### **Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree
- Completed training in U.S. dermatology residency program
- Clinical investigator in early stages of career
- Project not funded from other sources

##### 2. - 5. Research Grant, Dermatopathology Research Grant, Ichthyosis Research Grant, and Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Grant

**The Foundation's Research Grants provide financial support for research projects in dermatology and cutaneous biology that benefit the dermatology community at large.** Special grants are available for research projects relevant to dermatopathology, ichthyosis and epidermolysis bullosa.

##### **Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- M.D.; Ph.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree
- Dermatopathology Grant—Dermatologist or pathologist who will have completed a dermatopathology fellowship in a division or department of dermatology, pathology or dermatopathology at the time of funding, and is attempting to embark on a research career. Research proposals may include bench research, classical epidemiology, outcomes analysis or other approaches and should be clearly related to advancing the field of dermatopathology
- Ichthyosis Grant—project is relevant to Ichthyosis
- Epidermolysis Bullosa—project is relevant to Epidermolysis Bullosa
- All Research Grants—Investigator in the early stages of career development
- Project not funded from other sources

### **III. Award Descriptions and Eligibility Requirements (cont.)**

#### **D. Program Development Grant**

**The Program Development Grant is a unique grant that provides funding to support the development of the scientific infrastructure in a dermatology division which has not successfully competed for Foundation funding during the last five years.** Unlike other Foundation awards, this grant is available to the chair, chief or research director of a department or division of dermatology. The award has a one-year term and offers up to \$10,000 in infrastructure support. Funds may be used (but are not limited) to:

- Acquire critical research equipment
- Stimulate a promising pilot project
- Facilitate travel of accomplished scientists to the department
- Support visits by young potential investigators to established programs at other institutions

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Applicant must be the chair, chief or research director of the dermatology department or division
- Dermatology department/division is accredited for residency training in the U.S.
- Department or division has not successfully competed for funding from the Foundation during the past five years
- Project not funded from other sources