



Awards

YOU WORK HARD ALL YEAR. WE THINK YOU SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED.

The Women's Dermatologic Society offers several different awards, for every stage in your career, to encourage and support research, mentorship, leadership, and philanthropy. Between managing your career, family, friends, and everything in between, you deserve a moment of recognition.

This brochure was created with you in mind. In the pages that follow, you will find details of the various award programs available, including an award overview, eligibility criteria, and submission guidelines. As a courtesy, we will contact members with important updates and reminders via email and social media.

For additional award information, please contact the WDS at wds@womensderm.org or visit our website at: www.womensderm.org/awards



Women's Dermatologic Society

Purpose: The Women's Dermatologic Society, founded in 1973, is dedicated to helping dermatologists fulfill their greatest potential and assisting them in making a contribution to our specialty and society. To achieve this goal, we rely on the active participation of our members, who represent a diverse cross-section of professional sub-specialties in the areas of private practice, academia, managed care and industry.

Mission: To be the premier organization cultivating personal and professional development of dermatologists dedicated to excellence in patient care, mentorship, volunteerism, and leadership.



Annual Awards

RECEIVE A MOMENT OF RECOGNITION.

The following Awards are given out on an annual basis to deserving and qualified WDS members. Nominations are submitted by WDS members and selected by designated WDS committees (provided in each award description below). That committee will then recommend one candidate to the WDS Awards Committee for approval, and a final approval will be made by the WDS Board of Directors. Each award recipient is announced and recognized at the WDS Annual Luncheon, held at the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Annual Meeting.

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

The first WDS Mentor of the Year award was given to Frances J. Storrs, MD, who had previously returned her honorarium to the WDS for the Rose Hirschler Award in 1991, to establish a Mentorship Program. Since 1993, the Mentorship Program has funded more than 400 women and men early in their professional careers, to spend one-on-one time with an established mentor of specific expertise. www.womensderm.org/awards/annual-wds-awards/mentor-of-the-year-award

GUIDELINES

- The Mentor of the Year is selected annually by the WDS Mentorship Committee.
- The Mentor of the Year must be a WDS Member in good standing.
- The Mentor of the Year shall be an individual who demonstrates the competencies and qualities expected of a mentor and stands above all others in his/her abilities serving as a mentor.
- The Mentor of the Year meets all requirements and expectations of the WDS Mentorship Program in serving as a mentor.

ROSE HIRSCHLER AWARD

The Rose Hirschler Award is named in honor of Dr. Rose Hirschler, one of the first known female dermatologists in the United States. Nominations are made by WDS members and reviewed by the WDS Awards Committee. The award is presented annually by the WDS to physicians chosen for their significant contributions to medicine and dermatology and who, by

their achievement, have served to enhance the role of women in the dermatologic specialty. www.womensderm.org/awards/annual-wds-awards/hirschler-award

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Volunteer of the Year award has been established to recognize a WDS member who has made an outstanding contribution through community service. The rollout of this award at the 2014 Annual Luncheon coincided with the tenth anniversary of WDS community outreach programs and this now annual award will continue to honor all those who support WDS and our service outreaches. Nominations are made by WDS Members and reviewed by the WDS Service Committee. www.womensderm.org/awards/annual-wds-awards/volunteer-of-the-year-award

NOMINATION TIMEFRAME & DEADLINE

Nominations for these three (3) awards are accepted annually between August 1 - October 31.

HOW DO I SUBMIT A NOMINATION?

Email: wds@womensderm.org by the deadline (October 31).

NOMINATION CHECKLIST

To nominate someone for any of the above awards, your submission must include all of the following:

- Nominee's Name
- Nominee's CV
- Letter(s) of Recommendation

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit: www.womensderm.org/awards/annual-wds-awards

Gold Rose Award

Apply
Online

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH AND BEAUTY JOURNALISM.

The Gold Rose Award recognizes outstanding examples of dermatologic reporting, covering a range of relevant categories, including:

- Best overall dermatologic story of the year
- Best teen-oriented dermatologic story
- Best sun safety story
- Best ethnic skin of color story
- Best medical dermatologic story
- Best innovative skin advances/cosmetic story
- Best men's dermatologic story
- Best social media campaign (any dermatology topic or theme)

Note: A "People's Choice" award will be also be selected from the pool of winners in the above categories.

GUIDELINES

- One (1) submission in each of the above categories is permissible for each participating publication, with up to eight (8) entries per submitting magazine or news outlet.
- All submissions must have appeared in magazines or online between January 1 – December 31 (of the year in which you are submitting).

ENTRY FEE

\$50 per article submission

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To be considered for a Gold Rose Award, your submission must include all of the following:

- Gold Rose Award Application
- Copy of Article Being Nominated
- Completed Comment Section
- \$50 Entry Fee (Please call 877-WDS-ROSE to provide credit card information or send a check payable to WDS.)

HOW DO I SUBMIT A NOMINATION?

Submit online at
www.womensderm.org/awards/gold-rose-award

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31

Winners will be announced early February and recognized at the WDS Annual Luncheon during the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Annual Meeting.



Academic Research Award

Apply
Online

FURTHER YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER.

The WDS Academic Research Award Program provides funding for residents, post-residency fellows, junior faculty, and early-career dermatologists performing basic science or clinical research, relevant to the field of dermatology. Awards of up to \$10,000 each are awarded on a competitive basis. These awards are intended to help the recipient further his or her academic career, and may serve as a basis for obtaining further funding.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The WDS Academic Research Program Awards will be awarded on the basis of scientific merit and the anticipated impact of the project on the field of dermatology. Preference will be given to candidates who have demonstrated a clear intention of pursuing a career in academic medicine. Candidates with no other sources of funding may receive preferential consideration.

AWARD GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICS

- The award is not intended to cover indirect or overhead costs.
- WDS Academic Research Program Awards must be used within two (2) years of receipt.
- A summary of research results must be submitted at the end of the project for publication in the WDS Monthly News Brief.
- Candidates are eligible to receive only one (1) award under this program.
- Prior recipients are ineligible.
- Applicants must be current or pending member of the WDS.

RESEARCH APPLICATION

- A description of the proposed research project must accompany the application and must include the following elements (*please limit proposal to six (6) pages*):
 - **Name, Title, Abstract / Significance:** Provide a brief description of what will be accomplished and why it is important.
 - **Hypotheses and Specific Aims:** State your working hypothesis (or hypotheses) and the aims of the proposed studies.
 - **Background:** Describe the reasoning behind the proposal in the context of existing scientific knowledge.
 - **Experimental Approach:** Describe how you plan to address the specific aims in terms of methodology and experimental design. Please limit to two (2) pages.
 - **Budget:** List the principal components of your budget and provide sufficient justification and detail to allow critical evaluation by the committee.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To be considered for the Academic Research Award, your submission must include the following:

- Research Award Application Form
- Applicant's Biosketch/CV
- Mentor's Biosketch/CV
- Layman's Statement one (1) page
- Research Proposal (No more than six (6) pages, including Budget Portion)
- Proposed Budget
- Letter of Commitment from Chairman and/or Institution
- Letter of Commitment from Mentor
- Copies of Relevant Publications
- Head and Shoulder Photo in Electronic Format

WHEN CAN I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

December – April.

HOW DO I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

Submit online at:

www.womensderm.org/awards/award-programs/academic-research-award

WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED?

May–June

WHAT IS THE TIMEFRAME OF THIS AWARD?

Spring–Spring (two (2) years duration)



Career & Community Advancement Award

Apply
Online

TAKE YOUR CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

The WDS Career and Community Advancement Award encourages projects and initiatives focusing on community service, career enhancement, and advancement of the specialty of dermatology. Qualified projects may cover a wide range of member needs and interests.

Awards of up to \$10,000 are given to help members grow professionally and further contribute to the specialty and society.

PURPOSE OF AWARD

The WDS Career & Community Advancement Award provides financial support for members for either career development or development of community-based dermatologic activities.

FUNDS MAY BE USED

- to acquire specific skills to enhance professional development through “hands-on” training or other educational activities;
- for the design and conduct of community-based dermatologic activities intended to enhance our understanding of dermatologic conditions; or
- to promote dermatologic health and well-being.

GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICS

- Applicant must be a member in good standing of the WDS for three (3) consecutive years
- Award applications must be focused on improving professional skills and/or improving knowledge of

community-based dermatologic conditions or promoting dermatologic health.

- Awards will be designated for particular areas of professional skill development, infrastructure development, or goal-oriented projects. Examples of acceptable requests include but are not limited to the attendance of educational meetings or conferences and/or to support the development and implementation of community-based dermatologic health programs. Enduring projects are encouraged.
- Criteria for awards will include the merit of the proposal, and the perceived need and the qualifications of the applicant. Two (2) letters of recommendation are required. One (1) letter must be from a WDS member. Documentation of requested course content may also be required.
- In the Statement of Purpose, applicants should identify the specific skills she/he wish to acquire and/or describe a community-based dermatology program and its specific goals and potential benefits to dermatology and the community in general.
- **Applications must be submitted to the award program committee at least three (3) months prior to the date of the project.** Awardees are expected to attend the Annual Meeting to acknowledge receipt of the award.
- Up to \$10,000 will be awarded. An individual may only receive one (1) award, regardless of identified need for additional programs or changes in career goals.

However, under exceptional circumstances, the Committee will review applications for a second award (for maximal total award of \$15,000 to any member) if accompanied by a clear statement (with budget) explaining rationale for additional funding for the original project.

- Budgets may include requests for reasonable travel expenses, tuition, and appropriate housing expenses necessary to complete training. Awardees may also request reasonable equipment-related purchases that is strictly for the implementation of the planned program.
- Award is not intended to cover academic indirect/overhead costs.
- Awardees will provide WDS with a photo and a brief summation of the project for publication in the WDS Monthly News Brief within one month of the conclusion of the project. Projects may be featured at the WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Proposal
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation, including one (1) that is from a WDS member
- Requested Course Content Documentation
- Statement of Purpose
- Proposed Budget

WHEN CAN I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

Applications are Accepted Year-Round for this Award!

HOW DO I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

Submit online at: www.womensderm.org/awards/award-programs/career-and-community-advancement-award

WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED?

Applications are reviewed year-round. Please allow 3-4 weeks for review.



International Travel Award



STAY CONNECTED.

The Women's Dermatologic Society/American Academy of Dermatology provides travel awards up to \$2,500 USD for board certified (or board eligible) dermatologists from outside the United States to attend the WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon and the American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting.

PURPOSE OF AWARD

To provide support for women dermatologists from other countries to attend the WDS Annual Meeting Luncheon, as well as the American Academy of Dermatology's Annual Meeting.

ELIGIBILITY

- Dermatologists who reside outside the United States and are Board Certified or Board Eligible. Residents may also apply!
- Preference will be given to those with financial constraints and those who are presenting at the AAD Annual Meeting.
- Applicant must include a letter of support from their local, regional, or national dermatologic society along with her application.
- Awardees will be expected to prepare a brief report for publication in the WDS Monthly News Brief at the conclusion of their experience, and provide their photo to WDS for publication.
- Applicants must prepare a budget, which may include reasonable travel expenses, necessary tuition, and appropriate housing expenses. Awards may not necessarily be granted for the full amount requested.

The American Academy of Dermatology provides supplemental support for up to five (5) recipients of the WDS International Travel Award to attend the AAD Annual Meeting. This support consists of complimentary registration for the annual AAD meeting, one (1) educational session, and an invitation to the AAD international scholarship dinner.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- International Travel Award Application
- Letter of Support (on society letterhead) from your Local, Regional, or National Dermatologic Society
- A Curriculum Vitae (CV) - written in English
- Budget of Reasonable Travel/Housing Expenses

WHEN CAN I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

June 1 - September 2

HOW DO I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

Submit online at:

www.womensderm.org/awards/award-programs/wds-aad-international-travel-award

WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED?

October–November



International Travel Award

Mentorship Award

Apply
Online

DEVELOP YOUR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL.

The WDS Mentorship Award Program was created to help promote the concept of mentorship within the WDS by establishing long-term relationships between mentors and mentees.

PURPOSE OF AWARD

To develop mentoring relationships that might not otherwise be possible due to distance or funding availability. The program helps develop leadership potential in candidates who have shown early promise through exceptional activities, which will enhance their contributions to dermatology and medicine.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- All applicants must be dermatology residents in training or junior faculty out of training five (5) years or less at North American institutions.
- All applicants must be current or pending members of WDS.
- Either the mentor or mentee must be a woman.
- Each mentor may support a maximum of two (2) mentee applicants per year.
- If an applicant accepts funding from another organization for the same proposal or is unable to complete his/her mentorship, the awarded funds will be returned to WDS.
- The mentorship award is not intended to cover salary support, research supplies or equipment, indirect or overhead costs, nor meeting registration fees.
- The mentorship award will cover reasonable travel and living expenses related to the rotation.

- Upon completion of mentorship, the mentee is required to submit a final summary report and headshot that will be published in the annual report.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To be considered for the Mentorship Award, your submission must include the following:

- Mentorship Award Application Form
- Applicant's CV
- Statement of Purpose
- Proposed Budget (\$2,000 maximum)
- Letter of Support from Chairman and/or Program Director
- Letter of Support from Mentor

WHAT IS A STATEMENT OF PURPOSE?

In order for your WDS Mentorship Award Application to be complete you must submit a Statement of Purpose. Please be sure your Statement includes the four (4) questions/topics below, and any other relevant information that would support your application:

- Describe your career goals.
- Describe the goal(s) of the proposed mentorship and any specific project planned.
- How do you envision this mentorship will impact your future career in dermatology?
- How will this experience supplement your current or prior residency/fellowship training?

WHEN CAN I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

July 1 - October 31

HOW DO I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

Submit online at: <http://www.womensderm.org/awards/award-programs/mentorship-award-program>

WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED?

January

MENTORSHIP ROTATION TIMEFRAME

January to the following June (18 months)

In order to be guaranteed funding, you must complete your mentorship rotation within those 18 months.

Questions?

APPLY ONLINE by going to our website: www.womensderm.org/awards

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