

Clinical Research Grant 2012 Selection Criteria and Guidelines



Deadline: December 30, 2011

Description: The American Acne and Rosacea Society (AARS) offers research grants to advance clinical science, while nurturing younger investigators in the field of acne and rosacea. Research projects that are clinical/translational in nature will receive preferential consideration. Four clinical research grants will be awarded in 2012 and each grant will not exceed \$10,000.

All funds are to be spent within 18 months of receipt of the award. The AARS does not fund projects that are part of the NIH intramural research program or awards to private foundations without an academic affiliation to dermatology.

Eligible Candidates: Dermatology residents and dermatology fellows, and recent graduates (within 5 years) of US dermatology residency are eligible to apply for these research awards. The sponsor (project mentor) of the applicant must be a member of the AARS but may not apply for or be named payee of the grant award.

Proposal: Provide a short discussion of the aims and relevance of the project including sufficient detail for evaluation by the AARS Research Committee. Previously published material may be submitted in support of the application.

Curricula Vitae: Attach a brief biographical sketch of the applicant that should include a recent, relevant bibliography.

Human Subjects: Applications related to research on human subjects must be accompanied by institutional review board approval, or submitted prior to the initiation of successful awards.

Animal Studies: Applications that involve research on animals must demonstrate their relevance to clinical dermatology. In addition, they are to be accompanied by a written approval of an appropriate institutional committee, or submitted prior to the initiation of successful awards.

Requirements: Within 30 days of completing the approved project, the grantee is required to submit a written report summarizing their research experience and findings. The grantee must also present the work at the AARS annual meeting to be held within two years of funding. If an approved project cannot be completed as originally proposed or within the time limits mandated, the grantee must immediately contact the AARS.

Deadline: The completed application and supporting materials must be received by **December 30, 2011**. Grant award recipients will be announced at the **2012 AARS Annual Meeting** and approved projects will be funded in **July 2012**. Applications are available on the AARS web site at www.acneandrosacea.org.

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Title of Proposal: _____
Amount Requested: _____

1) Applicant Information:

Name _____

Institution/Program: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Current Position Held _____

_____ U.S. Citizen _____ Other _____

2) Proposal Description (Please attach)

Describe your proposal in sufficient detail for adequate evaluation by the AARS Clinical Research Studies Committee. Make every effort to be succinct and use figures or tables to summarize your plans. **Items 1-6 below should not exceed ten pages.** Do not submit a copy of any application prepared for another grant.

A suggested format is listed below:

1. **Specific Aims:** What do you intend to accomplish? What hypothesis is to be tested?
2. **Significance:** Why is the research important? Evaluate existing knowledge in the field and specifically identify the possible contributions that your investigation may make.
3. **Preliminary Studies:** What has already been done in this field?
4. **Organizational Structure:** Please describe in detail your organizational structure vis-à-vis dermatology and include a supporting letter from the sponsor describing the nature of the relationship to a division or department of dermatology.
5. **Experimental Design:** How are you going to accomplish the research? Describe the experimental design, the procedures to be used, and the manner in which the data will be analyzed. Do not include established laboratory procedures.
6. **Literature Cited**

3) Proposed Budget:

Provide a detailed budget as a separate attachment: (The funding for this grant is not to be used to provide funding for indirect costs, or overhead costs, at universities or any other organization).

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Budget Summary:

Personnel _____

Equipment _____

Supplies _____

Other (Describe) _____

4) Curriculum Vitae (Please attach)

5) Send completed application including letters of support and, as necessary, grant award payment instructions* to info@aarsmember.org.

* Applicants are advised to provide detailed instructions regarding grant award payment methodologies and requirements as may be mandated by their employer, institution, or project committee. AARS shall not be responsible for grant award payments provided in contravention of such third party requirements.

It is essential that all applications are complete and received prior to the deadline of December 30, 2011. Please complete the checklist below to assure that your application is complete. If the application is incomplete or any of the items are missing, the application will not be considered for the award.

1. Completed application
2. Proposal Description/Summary
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Supplementary material included
5. Letter or letters of support

I certify that the statements in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that the award funds will be used only for the purpose reflected in my application. Any unused funds will be returned to the AARS.

Signature of Applicant

Date

**Please submit application and all supporting materials to:
info@aarsmember.org by December 30, 2011.**