

Mentorship Grant 2012 Selection Criteria and Guidelines



Deadline: December 30, 2011

Description: The American Acne and Rosacea Society (AARS) offers mentorship grants for the purpose of assisting young dermatologists to become leaders and experts in the field of acne and rosacea by acquiring additional academic skills which may not be available at their training institutions. Three mentorship grants will be awarded in 2012 and each grant will not exceed \$3,000.

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 mentorship 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. This discussion should state what specific goals he/she hopes to achieve with the mentorship experience and the expected duration of mentorship.

Academic/leadership potential of the applicant must be demonstrated either from the applicant's application or department chair's support letters.

Mentor and applicant cannot be from the same institution and mentor must provide written acceptance of the applicant. An applicant's work is to be with one or two specific mentors, not with an entire department.

Budgeted items may include expenses related to travel specifically to the mentor locations and mini-research with the mentors. They may not include registration fees for meetings or travel to meetings.

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

Requirements:

- a) 30 days prior to the start of the mentorship, the applicant is to reaffirm the dates of the project with the AARS.
- b) Within 30 days of completing the approved project, the grantee/mentee is required to submit a written report summarizing the skills or knowledge acquired from this experience.
- c) Within 30 days of completing the mentorship, the mentor must also submit a follow-up report to AARS.
- d) If an approved mentorship opportunity cannot be completed as originally proposed or within the time limits mandated, the grantee must immediately contact the AARS office.

Deadline: The completed application and supporting materials must be received by **December 30, 2011**. Grant award recipients will be announced at the **2011 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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1) Applicant Information:

Name _____

Institution/Program: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Current Position Held _____

2) Proposed Mentor Information

Name _____

Institution: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Current Position Held _____

3) Mentorship Details

Area of Focus _____

Mentoring Dates _____ to _____

Location _____

4) Proposed Budget – Attach a separate worksheet if necessary:

Transportation _____

Lodging _____

Meals _____

Other (Describe) _____

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5) Statement of Purpose (Please attach)

Describe the goal(s) of the proposed mentorship and any specific project planned. Indicate how you envision this mentorship opportunity impacting your future in dermatology, specifically in helping you prepare to become an expert in the field of acne and rosacea.

6) Curriculum Vitae (Please attach)

7) 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, it will not be considered for the award.

1. Completed application
2. Statement of purpose
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Supplementary material
5. Letter or letters of support and payment instructions

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.**