

DERMATOLOGY FOUNDATION

2004 RESEARCH AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

INFORMATION and APPLICATIONS

All Dermatology Foundation awards are intended to advance the research careers of young individuals in dermatology and cutaneous biology, with the emphasis on research benefiting the dermatology community at large. It is the expectation that the recipients of these awards will be tomorrow's clinical leaders in dermatology, helping shape the future of the entire specialty.

All research must be conducted in the United States under the sponsorship of a division or department of dermatology. The Dermatology Foundation does not fund projects to be performed as part of the U.S. government research program (except V.A.) or those to be performed at private foundations without an academic affiliation to dermatology.

CRITERIA AND ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS VARY BY TYPE OF AWARD, AND APPLICANTS ARE URGED TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT BEFORE BEGINNING ANY PAPERWORK.

2004 APPLICATION DEADLINE:	October 15, 2003
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:	February 7, 2004
FUNDING AVAILABLE:	July 1, 2004

For additional information on research awards, please contact the Dermatology Foundation via
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OR you may download this announcement and award applications from the DF website
<http://www.dermatologyfoundation.org>.

- **Physician Scientist Career Development Award: \$55,000 stipend** (renewable up to two years) aimed at clinically oriented academic investigators. The purpose is to assist in transition from fellowship to established investigator, and applications are accepted from junior investigators in the early stages of their academic careers. These awards are intended to advance the research careers of individuals in dermatology and cutaneous biology, with the emphasis on research benefiting the dermatology community at large. Applicants must have completed training in a U.S. dermatology residency program and be faculty members in a department or division of dermatology. The applicant must have initial training (2-3 year fellowship or post doctoral training) in relevant research.
- **Clinical Career Development Award In Dermatologic Surgery: \$55,000 stipend** (renewable for up to two years) to support research projects that will further the practice of dermatologic surgery and develop the teaching, research and leadership careers of dermatologic surgeons. The applicant must have completed at least one year post-residency surgical training, hold a junior faculty appointment in a division or department of dermatology and be no more than five (5) years post-residency. **The applicant's mentor and environment are critical ingredients of a successful application.** Candidates may apply for this award during the first year of post-residency surgical training so that the award would begin after completion of the post-residency surgical training. The proposal must be focused with clear aims which, upon successful completion, will add to the knowledge base of dermatologic surgery.
- **Clinical Career Development Award in Health Care Policy: \$55,000 stipend** (renewable up to two years) to support establishment and development of health care policy careers for dermatologists. Applications accepted from junior investigators who have completed formal clinical training in a dermatology residency program in the U.S. and are in the early stages of their academic careers. Health policy research includes outcome studies, information system development and evaluation and development of methods for delivery and practice of population-based dermatology.
- **Research Career Development Award: \$55,000 stipend** (renewable up to two years) to assist in the transition from fellowship to established investigator. Applications will be accepted from junior investigators in the early stages of their academic career. Applicant must be a faculty member in a department or division of dermatology, demonstrate a strong commitment to skin research and already have initial training (2-3 year research fellowship or postdoctoral training) in biomedical research.

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- **Fellowship in Pediatric Dermatology: \$45,000 stipend** to foster 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. Applicants must have an M.D. or M.D., Ph.D. degree and have completed their clinical training in a dermatology residency program in the U.S. Applicants should be in the early stages of their career development, be board eligible or certified in dermatology and within five years of completion of their residency at the time of funding. Individuals with an academic appointment at the level of Assistance Professor or above are not eligible for this award. Research must be conducted in the United States in a department or division of dermatology, and the applicant must designate a preceptor who is a pediatric dermatologist and member of The Society for Pediatric Dermatology. Preference will be given to applicants who are applying for fellowships at institutions with a demonstrated training record in pediatric dermatology. Fellowship recipients must spend at least 50% of their total effort on the research project which must be certified in writing by the chairman.
- **Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowship: \$30,000 stipend** supports dermatologists who desire research training and who have a commitment to an academic career in medical or surgical dermatology. Applicants must have an M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; or D.O. degree and have completed clinical training in a dermatology residency program in the U.S. Individuals with an academic appointment at the level of Assistance Professor or above are not eligible for this award. The applicant must designate a preceptor who has an academic appointment in dermatology or in another program at the sponsoring institution. The latter must be approved by the head of the department/division of dermatology and a letter to that effect must be included with the application.
- **Research Fellowship: \$30,000 stipend** for support of research training. Applicants must have an M.D.; Ph.D.; or equivalent degree. Individuals with an academic appointment at the level of Assistance Professor or above are not eligible for this award. Special fellowships are available in the areas of epidermolysis bullosa and melanoma. Applicant's preceptor must have an academic appointment in dermatology or be a preceptor in another program at the same institution if the latter has been approved by the dermatology chair by letter included with the application. **(Only five (5) of these awards will be available for funding in 2004.)**
- **Research Grant: \$20,000** award for investigators in the early stages of their career development to initiate a research project in dermatology or cutaneous biology. Research has to be performed within a department or division of dermatology. Special grants are available in skin cancer, cutaneous pharmacology, ichthyosis, and cutaneous surgery.
- **Dermatopathology Research Grant: \$20,000** for one year. This award is restricted to dermatologists or pathologists who have recently completed a dermatopathology fellowship in a division or department of dermatology, pathology or dermatopathology and who are attempting to embark on research careers. Actual proposal may include bench research, classical epidemiology, outcomes analysis or other approaches. The focus should be clearly and directly related to advancing the field of dermatopathology.
- **Patient Directed Investigation Grant: \$20,000** for one year to support medical and surgical dermatologic studies that have potential to directly benefit patients. It is the expectation of the recipients of these awards will be future clinical leaders in dermatology helping to shape the future of the specialty. Applications are judged competitively by a committee of recognized experts in applied medical and surgical dermatology. The purpose of funding is to enhance the career development of clinical investigators who have completed their dermatology residency training in the U.S. and are in the early stages of their careers. Applicants must be sponsored by a department or division of dermatology.
- **Program Development Grant: \$10,000** for one year to support development of scientific infrastructure in those dermatology departments/divisions that are accredited residency training centers but have not successfully competed for Dermatology Foundation funding during the most recent five-year period. Applicant should be the chair/chief or research director of the unit.

The Dermatology Foundation accepts the following number of award applications from a single academic program, including all affiliated institutions. Please be sure to check with your program director to avoid application overlap.

▶ Physician Scientist Career Development Award	One	\$55,000
▶ Clinical Career Development Award in Dermatologic Surgery	One	\$55,000
▶ Clinical Career Development Award in Health Care Policy	One	\$55,000
▶ Research Career Development Award	One	\$55,000
▶ Fellowship in Pediatric Dermatology	One	\$45,000
▶ Fellowship or Dermatologist Investigator Fellowship	Up to 2	\$30,000
▶ Research Grant	One	\$20,000
▶ Dermatopathology Research Grant	One	\$20,000
▶ Patient Directed Research Investigation Grant	One	\$20,000
▶ Program Development Grant	One	\$10,000