



**2009 AASLD
CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL
RESEARCH AWARD IN
LIVER DISEASES**

Application Deadline: February 13, 2009

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this award is to foster career development for individuals performing clinical research and/or translational research in a liver-related area and who have shown commitment to excellence at an early stage of their research study.

OBJECTIVE

To ensure that a significant portion of young investigators' time is protected for research, the overall objective is to enable young investigators to develop independent and productive research careers in liver disease.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for this award, the applicant must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Project is clinical. "Clinical Research" is defined as studies related to patients or disease processes having direct contact between the principal investigator and humans. Clinical research includes epidemiology and clinical trials in liver disease.
2. Project is translational. "Translational Research" is defined as clinical research with a substantial component of laboratory investigation using serum or tissue specimens from patients with liver disease.
3. Applicant is currently in transition to becoming a junior faculty member, or has recently been appointed as a junior faculty member, with an appointment *at the time of the award.* The Candidate must be an advanced fellow or junior faculty member in an accredited North American (US, Canada, or Mexico) academic institution, within four years of starting his or her faculty appointment. At least 50 percent effort should be devoted to research activities.
4. Applicant does not hold other similar research awards. Applicants who hold other research awards (NIH-K08, NIH-K23, Veterans Administration-Research Associate, Clinical Investigator, AGA Research Scholar Award, Glaxo Institute of Digestive Health Award, American Liver Foundation Liver Scholar Award, etc.) are not eligible.
5. Applicant is a member and is sponsored by a member of AASLD.

AWARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

One award of \$150,000 will be provided over two years (\$75,000 per year). Money may be used for *salary support* or for *technical support/laboratory supplies* for the investigator and no indirect costs are provided. It is expected that additional funds are available to the candidate in order to carry out the proposed research.

Awards cannot be transferred to another institution without prior written approval from AASLD.

Recipients must acknowledge the award in all publications resulting from research performed during the tenure of this award. Abstracts, manuscripts, or other articles that reflect research funded by this award must acknowledge support from AASLD, and copies must be forwarded to AASLD. In addition, a scientific progress and financial report must be sent to AASLD at the end of each award year and at the time when the award is complete.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be evaluated based upon their background, their commitment to a research career, the strength of their research project and the environment in which they will conduct this project.

REVIEW PROCESS

The AASLD Awards Committee will review the proposals and select a recipient of the award.

DEADLINE

Send the original and 14 three-hole punched copies of the completed application (including support materials) by **February 13, 2009** to: AASLD, 1001 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314. Attention: Clinical and Translational Research Award Program

Note: Do not staple any part of the application package.

NOTIFICATION DATE/START DATE

Notification date will be April 2009 for a July 2009 start date. Recipients of the award will be expected to attend The Liver Meeting[®] – AASLD's Annual Meeting - in the fall when the award will be presented publicly.

RESEARCH AWARD GLOSSARY

Advanced Fellow: A research fellow who will have completed at least two years of fellowship training/research at the start of the award.

Collaborator: An individual with the principal investigator in the scientific development or execution of the project. This individual would typically devote a specific percent of effort to the project and would be identified as key personnel. The collaborator may be employed by or affiliated with either the grantee organization or an organization participating in the project under a consortium or contractual agreement.

Established investigator: An investigator who is a prior recipient of R29/R01 support or its equivalent, or who is beyond the rank of Assistant Professor.

Indirect Costs: Costs that are necessary to support a particular activity project or program but that cannot be easily or directly attributed to such activity, project or program. Examples of indirect costs are rent, utilities, and administrative personnel.

Junior Faculty: Faculty at or below the rank of Assistant Professor for no more than four years at the time of the award.

Preceptor: The person who is the head of the laboratory where the applicant will be trained and who will be responsible for his/her research experience.

Public Health Service (PHS) 398 Form and NIH Guidelines: The PHS 398 Form is the application form used to obtain federal grant support. According to NIH guidelines, the research plan should contain: title, specific aims, background and clinical significance, preliminary results, and methods. To obtain a copy of the PHS 398 Form or NIH guidelines, contact the Office of Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health at 301/435-0714 (phone) asknih@od.nih.gov (e-mail). To access the PHS 398 Form via the Web, go to www.grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html.

Scientific Progress Report Form: All awardees of AASLD research grants, research scholar awards and other research or research training awards are required to submit a typed report of progress in the investigations support by the award. The report will be due within 30 days after termination of the

award period and should be mailed to: AASLD, 1001 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314. Copies of the AASLD Progress Report Form can be obtained by contacting AASLD by phone at 703-299-9766 or by email at aasld@aasld.org.

Senior Faculty: Faculty at or above the rank of Associate Professor.

Sponsor: The person responsible for the employment and career development of the applicant. This person should have a vested interest in the career development of the applicant.

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use this form as a cover page. Print or type responses.
2. Include additional information and provide signatures as requested.
3. Include separate typed pages for all additional information using one-inch margins. Put your name (last name, first name) and the name of the award in the upper right-hand corner of each page. **Do not staple any part of the application package.**
4. All documents should be addressed to: AASLD, 1001 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314 Attention: Clinical and Translational Research Award Program. **Send the original and 14 three-hole punched copies.**
5. Do not use lettering smaller than 10 point. (This sentence is 10 point.)
6. Assemble the application package in the order listed in the Required Documents section. Clearly label each piece of additional information. Attach auxiliary materials, such as appendices, last. Note that an appendix can only include relevant publications of the candidate. Complete all sections.
7. Be sure to adhere to page limits. Applications that do not meet the requirements, in content or format, will not be reviewed.
8. Please note the award deadline. **Completed applications must be received by AASLD by 5:00 pm Eastern on February 13, 2009.** Faxed applications or applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name (last, first, middle initial)

Degree(s) and year(s) granted

Current Position

Appointment Date (month & year)

Current Address

Office Telephone

Fax Number

Email Address

Sponsoring Institution

Sponsor's Name and Address

Project Title

Applicant's AASLD Member #: _____ Sponsor's AASLD Member #: _____

ABSTRACT OF PROPOSED RESEARCH

In the box below, briefly describe the research project, technical approach and anticipated results. Describe how this award will advance your career in research.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

Current Percent Effort:

- _____ Research
- _____ Administration
- _____ Clinical Activities
- _____ Teaching

100%=Total

Projected Under This Award:

- _____ Research
- _____ Administration
- _____ Clinical Activities
- _____ Teaching

100%=Total

APPLICABLE SIGNATURES

Note: Your signatures below indicate that the information in this application is accurate to the best of your knowledge and that you understand that AASLD guidelines do not allow for any indirect costs. Please type or print the full name and date next to each signature.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Sponsor (division/department head)

Date

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. *Curriculum Vitae* – Provide a biographical sketch using the current PHS 398 Form (see glossary). **Limit to four pages.**
2. *Research Plan* – Prepare according to NIH guidelines: title, specific aims, background and clinical significance, preliminary results, methods, references. The section on previous work should highlight the candidate's previous studies and his/her contribution to knowledge in this field. An appendix can include only relevant publications of the candidate. **Limit to five pages.**
3. *Research Facilities* – The research environment should be described, including access to patients, laboratory space (if applicable), consultants and technical (including computer) resources. **Limit to three pages.**
4. *Research Support* – Accounting of all other institutional, federal and non-federal support is **required.** The NIH "Other Support" form should be used and is available through academic institutions' Office of Grants and Contracts. Include all funding available from collaborators and sponsor.
5. *Candidate's Statement* – Describe the benefits of this award to your research career and, where applicable, the impact the research preceptor will have on your research development. **Limit to one page.**
6. *Letter of Commitment* – Letter should be provided from the head of the candidate's department confirming that 50 percent of the available time is devoted to research activities. **Limit to one page.**
7. *Letters of Recommendation* – Two letters of recommendation attesting to the candidate's qualifications, commitment to research and quality of scientific work should be submitted with the application. **Limit to one page each.**
8. *Institutional Review Board* – If human subjects are to be used, verification of IRB approval of the proposed research in the applicant's institution should be provided prior to the award being granted. All human studies require IRB approval. If IRB approval is not necessary or not attached, please state why. **Limit to one page.**

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