

Call for Proposals

AASLD Foundation Awards Request for Applications

Autoimmune Hepatitis Research Fund, Autoimmune Liver Diseases Pilot Research Award and Gupta Family Research Award for PSC

About Autoimmune Liver Disease

Autoimmune Hepatitis (AIH) is a rare chronic autoimmune disease that causes progressive inflammation of the liver, and can ultimately lead to fibrosis and liver failure. AIH is a globally occurring disease that affects children and adults of all races and ethnicities. Its exact causes are currently unknown.

Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC) and Primary Biliary Cholangitis (PBC) are autoimmune liver diseases that damage the bile ducts that deliver bile from the liver to the small intestine. Over time, the destruction of these bile ducts lead to a buildup of bile in the liver leading to inflammation and fibrosis. PBC primarily affects middle-aged women, and attacks the small bile ducts inside the liver (intrahepatic bile ducts). PSC affects men and women of all ages, and leads to scarring of both the medium and large external and internal bile ducts (extrahepatic and intrahepatic).

Autoimmune Hepatitis Research Fund Description

The Autoimmune Hepatitis Research Fund has been established to stimulate research in Autoimmune Hepatitis that will ultimately lead to better understanding of disease mechanisms, new diagnostics, better treatment approaches, and cures.

The fund will support one highly meritorious application in Autoimmune Hepatitis research submitted to the one of following AASLD Foundation Research and Career Development Awards grant programs per award year:

- **Bridge Award \$100,000/1 Year** (*preference will be given to applications in this category*)
Bridge funding for researchers revising NIH R or other federal equivalent applications for resubmission.
- **Pilot Research Award \$50,000/1 Year**
Seed funding for highly innovative research ideas.
- **Clinical, Translational, and Outcomes Research Awards \$200,000/2 Years (\$100,000/year)**
Awards for early-career scientists performing clinical research, translational research, or outcomes research in a liver-related area. One award per year is reserved for meritorious transplant-related research.
- **Pinnacle Research Awards \$300,000/3 Years (\$100,000/year)**
Basic science award that provides early-career scientists with support for their research to bridge the gap between completion of research training and attainment of status as an independent research scientist.

Eligibility for each program varies. Please refer to the appropriate grant application for specific details on eligibility and submission instructions.

Autoimmune Liver Diseases Pilot Research Award

The Autoimmune Liver Diseases Pilot Research Award was established to support the next breakthrough in Autoimmune Liver Diseases by supporting highly innovative projects in their earliest stages. This award provides supplementary funding during the pilot phase of basic, translational or clinical research projects in autoimmune liver disease. Learn more about the [Autoimmune Liver Diseases Pilot Research Award \(\\$20,000/1Year\)](#).

Gupta Family Research Award for PSC Description

The Gupta Family Research Award for PSC will support one highly meritorious application in PSC submitted to the [Pilot Research Award \(\\$50,000/1 Year\)](#). The purpose of this award is to support new, highly innovative PSC research ideas that focus on questions pertaining to the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and/or management of PSC in children and/or adults.

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Key Dates

Award Type	Application Due Date	Notification Date	Award Starts
Autoimmune Liver Diseases Pilot Research Award Clinical, Translational, and Outcomes Research Award Pilot Research Award Pinnacle Research Award	December 4, 2018	May 1, 2019	July 1, 2019
Bridge Award (Cycle I)	October 5, 2018	December 1, 2018	February 1, 2019
Bridge Award (Cycle II)	January 15, 2019	April 1, 2019	May 1, 2019