



# 2013 Cutting Edge Research Grant Program

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Submission Deadline: July 8, 2013**

*Uniting education and innovation  
in dermatologic surgery*

Up to \$100,000 in grants to be awarded

Special request for research related to:

- Board-directed research topics
- Evidence-based medicine
- Comparative efficacy research
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The Cutting Edge Research Grant Program unites education and innovation to encourage and stimulate clinical research and the transfer of new technologies from the research settings to surgical practice. Since 2000, the ASDS has awarded more than \$1 million in clinical research funding in surgical oncology, lasers, botulinum toxins, fillers, liposuction and other cosmetic procedures.

The 2013 application process will be **online only** for the first time in order to increase efficiency and standardization in submissions and reviews. The ASDS will be accepting applications for 2013 Cutting Edge Research Grants as of **Feb. 18, 2013**. In 2013, up to \$100,000 in grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$20,000 per recipient in order to stimulate a broad scope of research relevant to dermatologic surgeons and the dermatology specialty at large.

ASDS members are specifically encouraged to submit proposals in the areas of depth of training, scope of practice, safety record, efficacy as well as to research with specific relevance in:

- Cosmetic medicine and surgery
- Core surgical procedures and techniques
- Cutaneous oncology
- New technologies

Watch for additional information on *asds.net* regarding Board- or other need-directed research topics.

In addition, the ASDS Research Work Group is issuing a specific request for investigator research into evidence-based medicine, comparative efficacy research, quality studies and patient safety studies.

The ASDS Research Work Group, responsible for overseeing the CERG Program, is working to build a library of resources for the novice and seasoned investigator alike. Visit the Research section of the ASDS website (*asds.net*) to access a variety of references, links, "how to" information, sample forms, etc. – all provided to support the successful completion of your research.



## Award Descriptions

The ASDS Research Work Group encourages submission of well-conceived research projects that stimulate the advancement of the practice of dermatologic surgery, the invention of new technologies or research projects that document the outstanding and high volume work of dermatologic surgeons.

Up to \$100,000 in funding will be awarded by the ASDS Research Work Group, in amounts up to \$20,000. Grants will be selected based on meeting the eligibility requirements and qualifications. Additionally, the Research Work Group will use the following criteria in its determination of awards:

- Importance to dermatologic surgery
- Scientific validity
- Protocol quality
- Feasibility
- Suitability of research environment

Awards will be announced at the ASDS Annual Meeting, Oct. 3 to 6, 2013, in Chicago. Monies will be distributed in three installments to the sponsoring institution. Institutions or practices may submit only one application for consideration; multiple applications will automatically be rejected. **This is a competitive award program for research projects not funded by other sources.** The applicant retains ownership of intellectual property resulting from the clinical research funded by an ASDS Cutting Edge Research Grant. Award winners will be required to submit an electronic photo for use in ASDS recognition and promotional collateral.

## Eligibility

In order for your application to be considered, you must meet the following eligibility criteria and guidelines:

- The principal investigator must be an ASDS member.
- The research topic must be clinically or socioeconomically oriented to dermatologic surgery. \*Check back in early March for Board directed research topics.
- Research must be conducted in the United States or Canada and with sponsorship by a department or division of dermatology or other independent dermatologic-related oversight group or organization.
- The applicant/principal investigator must be physically and intellectually capable of performing the work.
- The applicant/principal investigator must be sure his/her institution or grant administrator approves him/her to accept the grant prior to submitting the application.

## Guidelines

- All applicants will be considered regardless of age, race, gender, national origin or religion.
- Applications must be received no later than July 8, 2013.
- Multiple applications from the same institution/practice may be submitted; however, **ONLY ONE** application per institution/practice may potentially be accepted.
- Starting in 2013, applications must be submitted online, including all accompanying information. Hard copies via email, fax and post mail will **NOT** be accepted.
- Applications must be complete to be considered and must include a completed application form and accompanying information.
- Research grant monies are awarded to fund direct costs related to the research and are disbursed in three installments to the sponsoring party on the application.
- Unused funds must be returned to the ASDS, accompanied by a summary detailing why the funds have not been used.
- A six-month report must be submitted by June 9, 2014.
- A final report must be submitted by Dec. 26, 2014, unless an extension is requested.

## Application Materials

Applicants are required to submit the following materials via ONLINE ONLY to the ASDS (applications and supporting documents sent via email, fax or post mail will NOT be accepted):

- 1) The completed online application form
- 2) Detailed budget (Salary for the principal investigator will not be covered, as well as items such as iPods, laptops and cameras)
- 3) Financial disclosure
- 4) Abbreviated curriculum vitae including only the last seven years for the principal investigator (online character limits may apply).
- 5) Combined abbreviated biosketch of all the supporting authors (online character limits may apply).
- 6) A 250-word layman statement of the proposed research.
- 7) Two letters of support. If you are from an academic institution, one letter must be from the dermatology department chair and the other from a mentor or collaborator. If you are in private practice, your two letters must be from dermatology peers in private practice.
- 8) Links to supporting material previously published by the authors, if applicable.
- 9) A summary containing the following required components specific to the research project:
  - A detailed description of the hypothesis, to be answered with support provided by this research grant. Figures and tables are encouraged
  - The significance of the research to the field of dermatologic surgery. A brief history of related past studies that have been published in the area of this research project
  - Description of the experimental design, procedures and process of data analysis that will be used
  - Complete citations of all referenced literature

**Notes:** Statistical power calculations are strongly encouraged as well as an estimation of the sample size. If supporting material has been published by the authors in the past, list the reference of the previously published material.

Research on human subjects must, in all appropriate instances, include approval by an accredited academic or private institutional review board (IRB) as stated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. **IRB approval must be secured prior to the start of your research project. \*IRB approval must be obtained before funding is released. IRB approval is not necessary in order to submit application.**

## Deadlines

All completed applications and accompanying documents must be submitted online only no later than **July 8, 2013**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

## Additional Responsibilities of the Recipient

CERG recipients may be required to present an abstract of their research during the 2014 ASDS Annual Meeting. You may not elect someone to present the research in your place. If you have requested an extension because your research is incomplete at that time, you may be invited to present at the 2015 ASDS Annual Meeting instead. However, presenting your research before having the final results is acceptable. If confirmed to present at the ASDS Annual Meeting, you will receive paid airfare (up to \$500) and one-night hotel accommodations.

In addition, recipients are strongly encouraged to submit a manuscript of their funded research results to *Dermatologic Surgery* for possible publication. ***Dermatologic Surgery* has the right of first refusal for manuscripts submitted for publication resulting from ASDS Cutting Edge Research Grant awards.** In submitting manuscripts, recipients must follow the written guidelines for submitting to the journal that can be found at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ds>. Recipients are required to acknowledge the ASDS when publishing or presenting results of ASDS-funded research. It is anticipated that the ASDS Cutting Edge Research Grant-funded studies will enhance the science and practice or positioning of dermatologic surgery.

## Funding Process and Guidelines

Grant funding will be awarded in three installments to the sponsoring institution:

- The first installment, equal to 50% of the funds allotted, will be mailed in November 2013.
- The second installment, equal to 25% of funds, will be mailed upon receipt of the required six-month written progress report. **The required written six-month progress and financial reports are due no later than Monday, June 9, 2014.** The second installment will not be issued without this report.
- The final installment, equal to 25%, will be mailed upon submission of the final financial and written report detailing the research results. **The financial summary and final written report are due no later than Dec. 26, 2014.** At this time, any funds unused must be returned to the ASDS.

If at any point in the process, you require an extension to complete your research, you must contact the ASDS immediately. If you are unable to complete your research, you must let the ASDS know immediately and the unused funds must be returned accompanied by a summary detailing why the funds have not been used.

## For More Information

Applicants with questions should contact the ASDS office or refer to the ASDS website at [asds.net/CERG](http://asds.net/CERG).

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**Watch [asds.net/CERG](http://asds.net/CERG) and your email for online submission information.**

## About the ASDS

The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) was founded in 1970 to promote excellence in the subspecialty of dermatologic surgery and to foster the highest standards of patient care. The Society supports continuing education and training of its members, public information and community outreach programs relating to dermatologic surgery and this grant program.

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