

**Call for
Applications**

2023 ASDS RESEARCH GRANTS

UP TO
\$50,000
TO BE AWARDED

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Aug. 28, 2023

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2023 ASDS Annual Meeting Nov. 2-5 in Chicago, IL

For eligibility, guidelines, Board-directed topics and application,
visit asds.net/research-grants.

2023 ASDS Research Grant Programs

The ASDS Research Grant Program unites education and innovation to encourage and stimulate clinical research and the transfer of new technologies from the research setting to surgical practice.

In 2023, up to \$50,000 in grants will be awarded in order to stimulate a broad scope of research relevant to dermatologic surgeons and the dermatology specialty at large.

The 2023 application process will be **online only** beginning **June 12, 2023**. The submission deadline is **August 28, 2023**.

ASDS members are strongly encouraged to submit proposals for board-directed research topics as well as research into evidence-based medicine, comparative efficacy research, quality studies and patient safety studies. In addition, studies on depth of training, scope of practice, safety records and efficacy are recommended.

Research should be relevant to:

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

Research should be focused so that, upon conclusion, there should be sufficient data and results that will lead to a submission for publication in *Dermatologic Surgery*. Projects should have the potential to advance the dermatologic surgery and cosmetic surgery fields with clinically relevant applications.

Applications on Board-directed research topics will be required to indicate how the overall specialty of dermatologic surgery will benefit from the research results (e.g., positioning dermatologic surgeons as innovators and/or experts, supporting patient safety or regulatory positions).

ASDS reserves the right to unrestricted use of all data and results related to studies for which Board-directed topics are awarded.

2023 Board-directed Topics:

- Safety in cosmetic procedures when performed by physician vs. non-physician providers
- Truth in advertising for aesthetic procedures (i.e. PAs or NPs promoting themselves as a dermatologist or dermatology expert)
- Impact of physician specialty on the safety of cosmetic procedures
- Study the potential negative impact and increased costs associated with non-physicians practice of dermatology
- Patient satisfaction following treatments for skin cancer by dermatologic surgeons vs. other medical specialties
- Cost effectiveness of treatments provided by dermatologic surgeons in procedural dermatology

Award Descriptions

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, Nov. 2-5, 2023, in Chicago, Illinois. Monies will be distributed in three installments to the sponsoring institution. Multiple applications from the same institution / practice may be submitted; however, **ONLY ONE** application may potentially be accepted. The applicant retains ownership of intellectual property resulting from the clinical research funded by an ASDS Research Grant. Award winners will be required to submit a high resolution electronic photo for use in ASDS recognition and promotional collateral.

Eligibility

In order for applications to be considered, they 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. *See Board-directed research topics to left.
- Research must be conducted in the United States or Canada 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.
- Members of the ASDS Research Work Group are precluded from being a Principal or Co-Investigator on ASDS Research Grant application.

Guidelines

- All applicants will be considered regardless of age, race, gender, national origin or religion.
- Applications must be received no later than **August 28, 2023**.
- Multiple applications from the same institution / practice may be submitted; however, **ONLY ONE** application per institution / practice may potentially be accepted.
- Applicants cannot have a concurrent ASDS grant research funding or receive funding from another institution for the same project.
- 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 the completed application and supporting documentation.
- 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 ASDS, accompanied by a summary detailing why the funds have not been used.
- A six-month report must be submitted by June 30, 2024.

Application Materials

Applicants are required to submit the following materials via ONLINE ONLY to 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 laptops and cameras). Review the budget template for complete list.
3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators.
4. Abbreviated curriculum vitae including only the last seven years for the principal investigator.
5. Biosketch of all Co-Investigators.
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. 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 required 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 is required in order to submit an application. Applications without an IRB approval letter will not be allowed to submit an application.**

Deadline

All completed applications and accompanying documents must be submitted online only no later than **August 28, 2023**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Additional Responsibilities of the Recipient

All ASDS Research Grant recipients will be required to submit an abstract of their research for the 2024 ASDS Annual Meeting and if selected present the research abstract. If you have requested an extension because your research is incomplete at that time, you will need to submit an abstract the following year and if selected, present at the 2025 ASDS Annual Meeting instead (providing space is available). 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 Research Grant awards.** In submitting manuscripts, recipients must follow the written guidelines for submitting to the journal that can be found at mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ds. Recipients are required to acknowledge ASDS when publishing or presenting results of ASDS-funded research and to notify ASDS when their research is published. It is anticipated that the ASDS 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:

1. The first installment, equal to 50% of the funds allotted, will be mailed in December 2023.
2. 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 June 30, 2024.** The second installment will not be issued without this report.
3. 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. 31, 2024.** At this time, any funds unused must be returned to ASDS.

If at any point in the process you require an extension or are unable to complete your research, you must contact ASDS 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/research-grants.

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Visit asds.net/research-grants for online submission application and information.

About 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 grant programs. Since 2000, ASDS has awarded more than \$1.5 million in clinical research funding for surgical oncology, lasers, botulinum toxins, fillers, liposuction and other cosmetic procedures.