

2026 Preceptorship Program Guidelines and Application Steps

Preceptees must meet the eligibility for and adhere to the guidelines and responsibilities of this program.

The ASDS Preceptorship program is not intended to cover expenses for fellowship interviews.

Guidelines

1. The program will open **March 27, 2026**, to all ASDS third-year residents (or second year residents, provided the preceptorship visit occurs during their third year of residency) AND early-career dermatologists.
2. Preceptee applicants are required to choose an ASDS Preceptor from the 2026 Preceptor List.
3. Preceptees can participate in **one** ASDS Preceptorship during their residency; preceptors can sponsor up to **three** preceptees per yearly cycle.
4. Grant funding of up to **\$350** is available to offset travel expenses and will be provided to **the first 50 applicants** and distributed following completion of the preceptorship visit and post-visit requirements listed in step 8 below.
5. By participating in the program, you agree to allow ASDS to use photos and essays submitted for publication and future promotions of the program.
6. Preceptee applicants are required to adhere to all office policies set forth by the Preceptor, this includes vaccination, mask policies, etc.

Application Steps

1. Contact your preferred preceptor to obtain their approval to accept you as their 2026 ASDS Preceptee **AND** agree upon dates.
2. Obtain approval from your Residency Program Director and have them write a letter of recommendation for your participation in the preceptorship – including the dates of your 2026 rotation. You will need to upload this letter with your application.
3. When you have completed steps 1 and 2 above, complete the online application here: [Application](#)
4. After you submit the application, you will receive a copy of it via email. Forward the application to your approved preceptor and request that they sign to indicate approval.
5. Have your preceptor email the signed application to you **and** to education@asds.net by the deadline of **May 18, 2026**.
6. After your signed application is submitted to ASDS, **you must wait for funding approval** – do not assume approval or make travel plans until you receive formal notification. **Notifications will be sent out no later than May 29, 2026.**
7. Approved preceptorship visits must be scheduled to comply with the **preceptorship completion deadline of December 11, 2026.**
8. Upon completion of the program, you are required to submit the following **within 10 days post visit** to receive your approved funding for the visit. **All post-visit documents MUST be received by December 14, 2026, to receive reimbursement. If post-visit documents are NOT received by this date, no reimbursement will be provided.**
 - A completed [2026 Expense Report](#), with receipts attached, **uploaded to the Evaluation Form.**
 - Completed evaluation, essay and timesheet, here: [Evaluation, Essay & Timesheet](#)