

# Early Career Innovation Grants Program

APPLICATIONS DUE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021



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*Do you have a great idea to improve patient care?*

*Have you already developed an idea and want to advance it locally or nationally?*

## Program Overview

The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) is pleased to promote creativity and innovation through its new Early Career Innovation Grants Program. This program will award grant funding to support residents and post-residency trainees in a Fellowship program in their development of novel ideas to improve access, service or care to patients.

Dermatologists have a long-standing history of pioneering new advances in the field. ASDS would like to foster residents' and fellows' passion for innovating solutions to everyday problems facing patients and the community. The Society wants to fuel your interest and foster increased purpose in the work you do.

ASDS will distribute \$40,000 in grant funding for well-conceived proposals in any area of innovation, including access to care, service and care to patients, unique technology solutions, etc. Additionally, \$10,000 in grants will be awarded for creative projects that advance hair research.

This resident- or fellow-led project will be supported by mentors who will coach you and provide guidance throughout the process. Together, the team will bring the idea to fruition.

## Program Requirements

The Early Career Innovation Grants Program is open to all eligible residents and post-residency trainees in a Fellowship program at any stage of idea development. Applicants must complete the application and must:

- Be enrolled in an ACGME-approved Dermatology Residency Program or be enrolled in a formal Dermatology Fellowship Program.
- Include a copy of your curriculum vitae.
- Identify your project by providing a one-page summary (500 words or less) to include:
  - Project title
  - Project description
  - Budget outlining funds requested and how they'll be used - Specific realistic aims and goals of the project that can be attained within the two-year period.
    - \* This could include significant development of your idea or full execution within two years.
    - \* Please be advised that we generally do not provide salary, travel or conference attendance support.
  - Description of how you will evaluate the project progress
  - Project milestones reflecting progress toward aims/goals
  - Compliance with institutional policies
- Provide a letter of intent from a faculty member willing to be your mentor.

Note: A letter from your Program Director is strongly encouraged, but not required. Also, if you feel additional letters of recommendation in support of your application will be helpful, this is optional.

*Progress updates must be provided every six months, at which time formal feedback will be shared.*

The work group will provide feedback, determine award recipients and the amount of grant funding for each. Grant recipients and their mentors are encouraged to reach out to ASDS should they need feedback on overcoming hurdles or general guidance on their project.

## Expectations of Grant Recipients

Grant recipients are expected to report on the progress of their project at the six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four month mark at which time feedback from the work group may be provided.

## Key Dates

- Applications are due **Wednesday, December 1.**
- Awards winners will be announced by year's end.

## For More Information

Applicants with questions should contact the ASDS office:

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Frustrated by the ever-increasing cost of generic, basic dermatologic medications, ASDS Member Dhaval Bhanusali, MD developed Skin Medicinals and HairStim LLC to compound and sell pharmaceuticals. The success of this innovation has prompted Dr. Bhanusali to inspire other dermatologists—residents and trainees specifically—to invent solutions to day-to-day challenges by supporting this Early Career Innovation Grants Program.



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Please provide the following information for your application to be considered.

The full online application is available at [asds.net/Innovation-Grants](https://asds.net/Innovation-Grants):

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Funds Requesting: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Residency or Fellowship Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Mentor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Application checklist:

- Include a copy of your curriculum vitae.
- Provide letter of support/intent from faculty mentor.
- Provide a summary of your project.
- Complete the application in its entirety located at [asds.net/Innovation-Grants](https://asds.net/Innovation-Grants).
- Submit all your material by December 1, 2021



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