



# ASDS Launches New Jumpstart Research Seed Grant Program

Since 2000, ASDS has awarded over \$1.5 million in clinical research funding for surgical oncology, lasers, botulinum toxins, fillers, liposuction and other cosmetic procedures. Annually, ASDS funds \$100,000 in Cutting Edge Research Grants. Recently, the Fredric S. Brandt, MD, Innovations in Aesthetics Fellowship Fund, supported by the Allergan Foundation, allowed an increase in research funding for cosmetic studies of the Cosmetic Dermatologic Surgery Fellows in ASDS-accredited programs.

**The new Jumpstart Research Seed Grant Program** serves as a catalyst for ASDS members to develop research initiatives. The intent of the seed grants is to encourage innovative research by dermatologic surgeons and give investigators a chance to define objectives, test hypotheses and provide a better idea of feasibility and directionality of their research before applying for additional funds from ASDS or external sources.

Applications for the 2019 program are now being accepted. Up to \$50,000 will be awarded in 2019 in amounts up to \$10,000 per recipient, and applications will be reviewed every four months. Funded research projects will be expected to be completed in one to two years. A few very worthy longer-term projects may be considered during the initial peer review. Indirect costs and investigator salaries are not covered. To ensure the support of projects relevant to the Society's mission, the ASDS Research Work Group will continue to maintain

and update a list of priority topics, ratified by the ASDS Board of Directors. Please visit [asds.net/Jumpstart](http://asds.net/Jumpstart) for more information.



ASDS grant winners and their winning projects are announced during the Business Meeting at each ASDS Annual Meeting.

ASDS has limited resources to meet the demand for research funding for its organizational objectives. With very modest disbursements of the planned seed grants, ASDS can help support publishable research projects that improve patient care; support the advocacy mission; and elevate the reputation of ASDS among other physicians, the media, and the general public.

ASDS members are encouraged to donate to the research funds by contacting Tara Azzano, Director of Development and Industry Relations, at [tazzano@asds.net](mailto:tazzano@asds.net).

*"Clinical research in dermatologic surgery routinely yields direct benefits for patient care. Many important clinical questions remain unanswered, waiting for a well-designed clinical trial, case series or systematic review. Clinical research helps show what we know to be true: Dermatologic surgeons are attuned to the patient experience, able to minimize patient anxiety during treatment, innovators in technology and pioneers in low-down time procedures that precisely meet patient needs."*

— ASDS President Murad Alam, MD, MBA



## Support the Jumpstart Research Seed Grants through the Dermatology Advancement Fund (DSAF)

The DSAF was created in 2006 to generate funding for programs that focus on issues our members have said are important to them and to the specialty. This year, the Jumpstart Research Seed Grant Program was added to the list of priority programs.

The **Jumpstart Research Seed Grant Program** is designed to serve as a catalyst to promote research in dermatologic surgery. The intent of the seed grants is to give research investigators a chance to define objectives, test hypotheses, provide a better idea of feasibility and support pilot projects.

Donations of any size may be designated for the Jumpstart Research Seed Grants. Should you wish to make a major gift of \$50,000 or \$10,000 over five (5) years, you may also have a seed grant created in your name. In addition to the recognition opportunities you will receive based on your level of donation, Jumpstart Research Seed Grant donors will be recognized with associated program materials, on the website, etc.

To give to the Jumpstart Research Seed Grant Program through the DSAF, please complete the following.

### Dermatology Advancement Fund

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For your generous contribution, ASDS has created recognition packages based on the amount of money you give. For more information on these recognition packages, please contact Tara Azzano, Director of Development and Industry Relations, at 847-956-9128 or [tazzano@asds.net](mailto:tazzano@asds.net).