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Jumpstart Research Seed Grant Program

*A catalyst to promote
research initiatives
for ASDS members*

Up to
\$20,000
will be awarded
in 2021

2021 SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

STEP 1: *March 15 – Research Proposal Only*

STEP 2: *April 30 – Online Application*
(by invitation only based on proposal submissions)

For eligibility, guidelines and application instructions, visit asds.net/Jumpstart.

2021 ASDS Jumpstart Research Seed Grant Program

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

Application

The 2021 application process will be online only from February 8 to March 15.

ASDS implemented a two-step application process to encourage high quality submissions and well designed proposals.

Step 1:

- Submit a brief synopsis to describe the research study project.
- The received proposals will be screened by the ASDS Research Work Group.

Step 2

- Selected applicants will be invited to submit a detailed research grant funding application.

Timeline

- March 15 — Research Synopsis submission deadline.
- By April 9 — Selected applicants will be invited to submit a detailed grant funding application via the online submission system.
- April 30 — Full, detailed application submission deadline for selected proposals.
- By May 31 — Final award decisions.

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 Jumpstart Research Seed Grants are awarded.

2021 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

Up to \$20,000 in funding will be awarded in 2021 by the ASDS Research Work Group in amounts up to \$10,000 per recipient. 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

Award recipients will be notified upon grant approval and announced at the ASDS Annual Meeting. Funds will be distributed in three installments to the sponsoring institution. The applicant retains ownership of intellectual property resulting from the clinical research funded by an ASDS Jumpstart Research Seed Grant. Award winners will be required to submit an electronic photo of themselves 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 (PI) must be an ASDS member.
- The research topic must be clinically or socioeconomically oriented to dermatologic surgery. See Board-directed research topics at 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 PI must be physically and intellectually capable of performing the work.
- The PI 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.

Guidelines

- All applicants will be considered regardless of age, race, gender, national origin or religion.
- Applications must be received by the online application deadline.
- Multiple applications from the same institution / practice may be submitted; however, ONLY ONE application per institution / practice may potentially be accepted.
- Only one application from a PI will be accepted. Applicants cannot have concurrent ASDS grant research funding and must disclose all concurrent funding sources.
- Applications must be submitted online, including all 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 ASDS, accompanied by a summary detailing why the funds have not been used.
- A progress and financial report must be submitted to receive a progress payment.
- A final report must be submitted within 24 months based on the dates included on the research award letter, unless an extension is requested.

Application Materials

Applicants are required to submit a research synopsis proposal that provides an overview of the project to outline research questions, hypothesis and feasibility.

If invited to apply, the following materials are required for the online application:

1. The completed application form.
2. Detailed budget. Review the grant budget template for a complete list.
3. List of other funding sources (if any).
4. Conflict of interest disclosures.
5. Abbreviated curriculum vitae including only the last seven years for the PI.
6. Combined abbreviated biosketch of all Co-Investigators.
7. Two letters of support. If the applicant is from an academic institution, one letter must be from the dermatology department chair and the other from a mentor or collaborator.
8. 250-word layman statement of the proposed research.
9. Brief history of related past studies that have been published in the area of this research project.
10. Proposal summary containing the following required components:
 - Clear statement of the specific purposes of the study, identifying key variables.
 - Detailed description of the hypothesis to be answered by the study.
 - Tentative answer to the research question to assess the adequacy of the proposals suggested methods.
 - Must include the number of subjects required to answer the research question.
 - The data analysis section should correspond to the specific objectives.
 - Complete citations of all referenced literature.

Notes: Statistical power calculations are required as well as an estimation of the sample size.

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 not necessary in order to submit an application. IRB must be obtained within the first six months of the award year. IRB approval and a copy of your official IRB letter with the expiration date must be submitted to ASDS before funding is released.

Application Review Process

Each application step is subject to the peer review process led by the ASDS Research Work Group.

Initial research proposals will be recommended for advancement to the second step of the two-step review process. In the first stage, proposals are de-identified, reviewed and rated. The second stage includes further review and discussion of the scores and comments resulting from the initial review process.

Additional Responsibilities of the Recipient

ASDS award recipients are required to present an abstract of their research during future ASDS Annual Meetings and to submit a manuscript of their funded research results to a scientific journal for publication. Recipients are required to acknowledge ASDS when publishing or presenting results of ASDS-funded research and to notify ASDS when their research is published.

Funding Schedule 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 shortly after the initial award. An official IRB letter with the IRB expiration date must be submitted prior to the first payment installment being processed.
- The second installment, equal to 25% of funds, will be mailed upon receipt of the required written progress and financial report.
- The final installment, equal to 25%, will be mailed upon submission of the final financial and written reports detailing the research results.

The final summary and written report are due based on the deadlines set in the award letter and typically within 24 months.

At this time, any unused funds must be returned to ASDS.

If at any point in the process recipients require an extension to complete the research, they must contact ASDS immediately. If recipients are unable to complete the research, they must let ASDS know immediately and return any unused funds accompanied by a detailed summary 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/Jumpstart.

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Visit asds.net/Jumpstart for online submission 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.