

American Skin Association Castle Biosciences Research Grant for Melanoma \$15,000

American Skin Association (ASA) is accepting applications for support of research in **Melanoma**.

All sources of funding must be disclosed by the awardee. We recognize that the PI may need more than one source of funding to move their research forward. If the PI has other research support, they must justify why the additional support from the ASA is needed. If the ASA award and the other award significantly overlap in budget, the awardee must choose between it and this research award. If the other award is pending and subsequently chosen any remaining installments of funding from ASA are forfeited.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be working actively in areas related to dermatology and Melanoma. Funds may be used for support of a new or ongoing research/clinical investigation project. There is no age requirement. However, applicants without prior funding, who are in a formative stage of their career, or who are undergoing a mid-career research change, will be given preference.

CONTENTS OF APPLICATION:

An application **must** include:

1. **A letter from the applicant stating:**

- a. a lay statement of 2-3 sentences describing the relevance of the proposed research
- b. career goals
- c. relevance of the grant at this time
- d. acknowledgment of the requirement to submit a progress report (written in layman's language) and an expenditure report at the end of the grant period
- e. acknowledgement of the requirement to list ASA support in all presentations/publications
- f. acknowledgement to keep ASA informed of current and future dates of presentations and/or publications

2. 1–2 page **curriculum vitae** including education and training, academic appointments, key publications, and date of birth.

3. A **letter** (no more than two pages) **written by the chair of dermatology and mentor (if different)** on behalf of the candidate endorsing the applicant and the proposal, and confirming the institution's commitment to provide time and support to the applicant. Note: A chair may endorse only ONE Research Grant applicant in each area per year.

4. A **research proposal** (no more than two pages including references) prepared by the candidate detailing the title, purpose, materials, methods, and projected results. Proposals must be typed in **Arial 11 pt. type with 1-inch margins**. Note: Human and/or animal use must be approved by the Institutional Review Board or equivalent and documented before funding is provided.

5. A line item **budget** and justification for the research project must be attached. **Tuition, travel expenses, salary, and indirect costs to the sponsoring institution are not permitted.**

6. A summary of ALL **past (5 years), current, and pending applications** for research support, specifying grant titles, agencies, periods of support, and total direct costs. If none, please indicate.

DEADLINE AND APPLICATION FORMS:

Instructions and the online application are posted on our website: americanskin.org. **The deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, February 14, 2022, at 11:59 PM EST.** Incomplete applications will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection of the recipients will be made in April 2022 by ASA's Medical Advisory Committee. Funding will begin in 2022. Please note: No cost extensions will not be granted.

About American Skin Association

Established to serve the now more than 100 million Americans afflicted with skin disorders, ASA has evolved over the past three decades as a leading force in efforts to defeat melanoma and other serious forms of skin disease. Its mission has remained to advance research, champion skin health, and drive public awareness about skin disorders and their often-devastating impact. Please send questions to grants@americanskin.org.