American Glaucoma Society - Young Clinician Scientist Grant Application

Young Clinician Scientist Grant Awards for 2021

The AGS will grant up to two awards for Young Clinician Scientists in 2021.

The AGS Young Clinician Scientist grants program exists to encourage the development of new investigators in glaucoma research and to further the mission of the American Glaucoma Society (AGS members are glaucoma clinicians, surgeons, and scientists dedicated to improving the lives of people with glaucoma by advancing knowledge and care through education, research, advocacy, and leadership).

Several one-year awards will be available. The Clinician Scientist Award will only be awarded once to any given investigator and to one institution per year. Ultimately, the AGS would like to see these start-up grants lead to projects that are sufficiently strong to merit funding by the National Institutes of Health.

Applications will be reviewed, and the recipients selected by the AGS research committee.

The Research Committee will provide written critiques of all proposals.

The recipients of the award will be announced at the AGS Annual Business Meeting at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

One individual will be selected each year for each award. The grant, which is awarded to the department in which the investigator would be working, is intended to support the investigator him/herself. It may be used for salary or direct research costs. It is not to be used to support institutional or indirect costs. Prior to the time of the issuance of the award from the American Glaucoma Society, the Chair of the AGS Research Committee must have received assurance that the research project has been approved by the appropriate Institutional Review Board.

Application Deadline: February 3, 2021
ELIGIBILITY

- Must have completed within the last five years at least one full year of post-doctoral fellowship training in glaucoma
- Preferably, but not necessarily, have a full-time faculty appointment
- Letter of support of his/her department chair
- Must be a current AGS Active or Provisional category member

BIOSKETCH

Applicant’s CV must be submitted in the NIH - style biosketch, in PDF format and must be no longer than four (4) pages.

Any other format submitted will automatically disqualify your application.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letter of Recommendation from applicant’s glaucoma fellowship director and/or photocopy of fellowship diploma

Letter of Support or Recommendation from the department Chair in which the research will be conducted

THE PROPOSAL

GUIDELINES FOR THE AGS CLINICIAN SCIENTIST AWARD PROPOSAL

- Proposal maximum of 4 pages including references
- Use 11-point Arial Font
- Single space
- Page borders at least 0.5"
- Label Proposal as (file name = LASTNAME-proposal. PDF):

1. Title and description of the proposed research plan (not to exceed four pages), including:

   (a) Specific Aims

   (b) Significance and Background
- Describe the rationale for the research project, why it is important, and how it will ultimately improve patient care

(c) Innovation
- Describe why this project is novel

(d) Research methodology
- Describe the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses you will use to achieve each of the Specific Aims
- Discuss any potential problems and how you will overcome them
- Inclusion and exclusion criteria for any research subjects and sample size justification

(e) Mentoring and Support Plan
- Describe the mentoring and support you have to established for this project.
- Discuss how you this project will help you to progress towards NIH funding.

(f) Budget Brief up to $50,000

(g) Other funding sources and potential overlap

(h) If the work involves animals, assurance that ARVO guidelines for animal research will be followed

(i) References – limit to 15

Please carefully review your application to make sure that all elements are addressed and included prior to submission.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE RECIPIENT

- Submit a progress report within six (6) months of receiving the award – 1-page progress report should include a summary of progress and expenditure summary year to date

- Submit an abstract to the annual meeting within two years of receiving the award.

- One year after the award a final financial report must be submitted

- If the funds have not been fully utilized, a plan for their future use must be provided, or they must be returned

- Any publication or presentation arising from this funding should acknowledge that the research was supported by an American Glaucoma Society Clinician-Scientist Award