



## 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award

The 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award was established to allow investigators from a variety of disciplines to initiate new projects relevant to Eosinophilic Disorders, excluding asthma, rhinitis and eczema. Successful applications will focus on the development of new ideas which are likely to lead to future external funding.

The 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award is a collaborative award program between the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) and the American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders (APFED). The award program is administered by the AAAAI and equally funded by each Association. For information about the AAAAI, please visit [www.aaaai.org](http://www.aaaai.org). For more information about APFED, please visit [www.apfed.org](http://www.apfed.org).

### Grant Award Amount:

The 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award is \$70,000 per year. Funds will be distributed in two equal \$35,000 payments during the first year. Grants are subjected to biannual review and may be granted for two years. The second year of support is based on demonstrating satisfactory progress. Progress reports will be required at six months intervals throughout the Award period. See more information in terms below. The award term is July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018.

### Funding:

The grant may be used for the purchase of supplies and services directly related to the approved research endeavors. Award funds may be used for the salary and fringe benefit costs of personnel other than the applicant. Fringe benefit costs may only be expended upon the stipulation that they not be obtained from another source. Funds may not be used for institutional indirect costs or to acquire administrative or clerical support. No more than 30% of the total award budget may be used to fund the purchase of permanent equipment. Overhead or indirect costs are not permitted. No award funds shall be used for the purchase of furniture, computers, the construction or renovation of facilities, payment of honoraria or membership dues, purchase of textbooks or periodicals or payment for secretarial support.

### Eligibility:

Applicants must be all of the following to be eligible for the 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award:

- Applicants must be an AAAAI member in good standing at the time of application
- MD, DO, Nursing Doctorate, PhD, or MD/PhD
- Full-time faculty appointment as an instructor or higher level at a medical school in the US (Priority will be given to applicants at or below the rank of associate professor.)
- Applicants must have a primary appointment to an allergy section or division
- Applicants must be independent, self-directed researchers for whom their institution must provide space and other resources customary for independent investigators. The application must convey the commitment of the institution to the applicant and the proposed research activities.

*Applicants from institutions that do not have accreditation from the AAALAC, USDA and/or IACUC are not eligible to apply.*

### Citizenship:

At the time of application, candidates must be United States citizens or foreign nationals holding one of the following visa immigration statuses: permanent resident (Green Card), exchange visitor (J-1), temporary worker in a specialty occupation (H-1, H-1B), Canadian or Mexican citizen engaging in professional activities (TC or TN), or temporary worker with extraordinary abilities in the sciences (O-1). Non-citizens must submit a notarized copy of proof of

possession of a Green Card or J-1, H-1, H-1B, TC, TN or O-1 visas. *At the time of application and throughout the award, an applicant/recipient must be employed by a U.S. institution.*

**Deadline:**

Applications must be submitted in a **single pdf file** by November 1, 2017. Applicants will be notified regarding status of application by January 15, 2018.

**Selection:**

Review and decision will be made a Joint Review Committee of equal representatives from APFED and AAAAI. The Joint Review Committee will be formed for the purposes of reviewing grant applications and will be comprised of members of the AAAAI and APFED Boards of Directors, Medical Advisory Panels and other certified members of the medical community as deemed necessary by the AAAAI and APFED Boards of Directors.

In addition to scientific merit, innovation, and feasibility of the research plan and its relevance to the mission of the APFED and AAAAI, the applicant's experience, publications, letters of recommendation, and significant past and potential future contributions to Eosinophilic Disorders research. External letters of recommendation from individuals not directly involved in the applicants research or career training will receive greater consideration than other letters.

The 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award is designed to support the initiation of research that will be the basis of a larger research project within this subspecialty. Preference will be given to the applicant who presents a plan to generate and implement a career focused on research on Eosinophilic Disorders. Preference in awarding grant will also be given to research projects that are most likely to generate results or data to report at the end of two years.

**Terms:**

Recipient must provide AAAAI Grant Committee reports on the progress of the research project at six, twelve and eighteen months. These updates will be a one-page summary of what has been completed, what is currently underway and what is next. This update will be emailed to the AAAAI Grant Committee at [jschultz@aaaai.org](mailto:jschultz@aaaai.org) and provided to APFED Grant Committee at [grants@apfed.org](mailto:grants@apfed.org). Funding for second year of award will be dependent on the Joint Review Committee's review of the provided Progress Reports at six and twelve months. Progress toward goals should be well documented such that the Review Committee understands expected progress has been achieved. If questions arise during the first year as to the progress, recipient should contact AAAAI Grant Committee as soon as realized.

Recipient will submit a final report at the end of the twenty-four months outlining project results and anticipated next steps.

Recipient should plan to make a presentation at both the EOS Connection Annual Conference and AAAAI Annual Meeting one of the years they will be the recipient of grant funding. A maximum of \$1,000 per year of the grant award should be set aside for the travel expenses for this/these conference/meetings. During the conference/meeting, recipient should present project status and results. Research status and results will also be published in the APFED and AAAAI newsletters.

## 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Application Requirements

The proposal should contain the following components and be assembled in this order:

- An abstract of the proposed project (maximum 30 lines of text), including its public health significance, impact and relevance to the mission of APFED and AAAAI.
- Applicant's Statement of Purpose: current and future Eosinophilic Disorder related research objectives including planned future grant application based on the pilot project, and training plans as appropriate to current career status (1-page maximum).
- NIH-format biosketch for the PI and all co-investigators and key scientific personnel. Should include a full disclosure of all currently active grants or grants pending review or funding decisions, addressing overlap, if any, with the 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award application.
- Three-page description of project, including background and significance, innovation and impact, long-term objectives, specific aims, and research strategy/experimental approach. Also include a description of the facilities for research and training needed by the applicant (1-page maximum, not included in the 3-page limit).
- Detailed Budget and Justification. Purchase of equipment may be proposed, if adequate justification is provided.
- Officially signed letter from the applicant institution's Office of Sponsored Research or similar, approving the submission and willingness to comply with APFED/AAAAI grant management and reporting requirements.
- Letters of recommendation from two persons familiar with the candidate's qualifications must be included with the application. One letter must be from an individual not at the sponsoring institution.
- All research conducted on human subjects and/or human stem cells must comply with the provisions of the United States Department of Health and Human Services 45 C.F.R. pt. 46 to the same extent as each would were the research funded by the National Institutes of Health. **One copy** of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval and/or exemption and approved patient consent forms must be provided to the APFED/AAAAI™ Joint Review Committee prior to the start of an award. *It is recommended that applicants submit projects to the appropriate human subjects Institutional Review Board at the time of application or before.* If the proposed research project involves human subjects, the population sampled shall be inclusive of the general population, of relevance to the scientific question posed, without restriction in regard to gender, race, age, and socioeconomic status. Proposals that intentionally restrict the population sampled must include a compelling scientific rationale for such design. ***If the IRB approval/exemption and approved patient consent forms are not provided to the AAAAI and APFED Joint Review Committee by the start of an award, the award will be withdrawn.***
- The 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award allows animal use in biomedical research only when no other means of obtaining scientifically sound, valid and useful results are available. Applicants/ awardees must comply with the Public Health Service Policy on *Human Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* and the National Research Council *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* to the same extent as each would were the research funded by the National Institutes of Health. **One copy** of the Institutional Animal Care and Use of Committee (IACUC) approval and/or the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) accreditation must be provided to the AAAAI as a part of the original application (**not included electronically**).

Submission:

Application should be submitted by 11:59 PM CT on November 1, 2017 in a *single pdf file* at <http://www.aaaai.org/professional-education-and-training/grants-awards.aspx>

Documentation that cannot be submitted electronically can be mailed to the following address:

2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award  
C/o AAAAI Grant Committee  
555 East Wells Street, Suite 1100  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**Additional Information for the 2018 HOPE APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award**

APFED/ AAAAI may discontinue this grant if it is documented that the purpose of the terms of the grant is not being fulfilled. In this event, the recipient will be notified in writing of this determination, the reason, and the effective date.

The maximum amount of funds expendable for travel is \$1,000 per year.

Biohazards are broadly defined to be recombinant and/or infectious and tumor materials that may be deleterious to normal organisms upon controlled exposure. Research involving biohazards requires **one copy** of the appropriate institutional committee approval.

The 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award applicants/recipients must comply with the provisions of the United States Department of Health and Human Services regulations on financial conflicts of interest 42 C.F.R. pt. 50, subpt. F to the same extent as each would were the research funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Inventions and discoveries from research performed during the term of the 2018 Hope APFED/ AAAAI Pilot Grant Award will be subject to the current AAAAI and APFED patent policies as well as to the patent policies of the institution where the work is performed.

Announcement of the grant recipient will be placed in publications at the discretion of the APFED Board of Directors and AAAAI Board of Directors.

Receipt of the 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant does not preclude the applicant from obtaining grant support from other sources. Other existing support can not conflict with the requirements of the APFED/AAAAI™ HOPE Pilot Grant.

Support from the 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant is to be acknowledged in all presentations and publications resulting from the 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant sponsored research.

The 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant is non-transferable.

All awards are subject to availability of funds at APFED and AAAAI on the start date and second year grant is also dependent on the availability of funding from the APFED and AAAAI.

Applicants are advised to read the individual award program descriptions and instruction before starting an application.

Applicants who are deemed ineligible for this award and/or do not follow the instructions for preparing an application will be administratively disqualified and not reviewed.

If the award recipient cannot complete the research, the funds will revert back to the APFED and AAAAI.

For help with the application process, contact [jschultz@aaaai.org](mailto:jschultz@aaaai.org)

## **APFED and AAAAI PATENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

- a. All inventions or intellectual property made with support in whole or in part by research or training grants or awards from the 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award must be reported at the earliest practical time to the Boards of Directors of APFED and AAAAI concurrently. The grantee institution or individual grant recipient agrees to notify the AAAAI and APFED immediately of the decision to apply for patents or other legal protection for intellectual property, and to consider seriously and in good faith, any comments or objections the AAAAI or APFED may have concerning such applications. These organizations agree to keep all information confidential and to not release any information relating to such inventions, intellectual property or applications. All patenting expenses shall be borne by the grantee institution or individual grant recipient.
- b. Title to any invention or intellectual property shall reside in the grantee institution to the extent that such title is claimed by the institution, under its patent policy or procedure, and paragraphs c-h shall apply. If a grantee institution has no established patent policy or procedure for administering inventions or intellectual property, or if the institutional patent policy or procedure does not claim rights for the institution or individual inventor, then the AAAAI and APFED shall have the right to determine the disposition of invention or intellectual property rights and paragraphs c-f shall not apply.
- c. Distribution of income derived from an invention or intellectual property which might include equity disposition shall be according to the policies of the grantee institution, although the American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) would expect to participate in income derived from the invention or intellectual property to the extent and at a rate of remuneration determined by mutual agreement between the grantee institution and the AAAAI and APFED organizations no later than six months after first receipt of income. Such agreement shall be guided by the principle that the Association's proportion of sharing in the income shall be reasonably related to the Association's proportion of support for the invention or intellectual property.
- d. If any invention or intellectual property is made with the joint support of the AAAAI and APFED and other organizations, it is expected that income distribution shall be in accordance with the provisions of the policy. Should an exception be taken to this provision, the grantee institution, the AAAAI and APFED, and other sponsoring agencies will confer to reach a mutually satisfactory disposition of invention or intellectual property rights.
- e. No patent, patent application or other type of protection shall be abandoned without first notifying the Boards of Directors at APFED and AAAAI. At such time, the grantee institution and individual grant recipient shall give the AAAAI and APFED the opportunity to take title to the invention or other intellectual property.
- f. The grantee institution shall agree that when it licenses any invention or intellectual property, it will obligate the licensee as follows: The licensee agrees to exert its best efforts to commercialize or cause to be commercialized the invention or intellectual property as rapidly as practical, consistent with sound and reasonable business practices and judgment. In the event that the licensee has failed to commercialize the invention or intellectual property within the number of years determined to be reasonable for the invention or intellectual property, the grantee institution upon conferring with the Association shall have the right to convert an exclusive license to a non-exclusive license or to terminate a non-exclusive license. If the licensee or grantee institution has an ongoing and active research, development, manufacturing, marketing or licensing program as appropriately directed toward the production and sale of the invention or intellectual property, the same would be deemed to be sufficient evidence that the licensee or grantee institution has commercialized the invention or intellectual property.
- g. The AAAAI and APFED reserve the right to public acknowledgement for inventions or intellectual property resulting from support by the Associations; however, the AAAAI and APFED names and logos may not be used in association with an invention or intellectual property without prior approval of the Associations
- h. The AAAAI and APFED may have use of inventions or intellectual properties without payment of royalties or fees, but solely for use within the Associations for intramural purposes and not for any of its grantee institutions or individual awardees.