2019 AAAAI Foundation Faculty Development Award

The AAAAI Foundation is dedicated to support the development of junior faculty to further their careers in Allergy and Immunology, and to help create leaders and independent investigators by funding excellent research that will lead to the prevention and cure of asthma and allergic and immunologic disease.

What support does the Award provide?
The award provides a total of $240,000 in funding, paid out to the awardee’s institution in six equal payments over a three-year period starting July 1, 2019.

Conditions:
A. The award money can be used for salary, services and/or supplies
B. A maximum of $80,000/year can be used for salary support
C. Funds may not be used for institutional indirect costs

Who can apply?
Applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible:
A. A faculty member with a primary appointment in allergy/immunology, either as instructor or assistant professor, who has completed training for board certification in allergy/immunology, by July 1, 2018
B. A formal association with an allergy/immunology fellowship program
C. One of the following degrees:
   a. MD
   b. MD, PhD
   c. DO
   d. DO, PhD
D. Citizen of the United States or Canada
E. A member of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (can apply for membership with application)
F. Cannot be the current recipient of NIH R01 award or be the principal investigator of another NIH-supported program. Current NIH K awards or other equivalent faculty development or foundation grants are acceptable.
G. Must not have received Faculty Development Award from the AAAAI Foundation/ARTrust/ERT in the past

DEADLINES
September 4, 2018
Step 1: Letter of Intent due

October 9, 2018
Top candidates notified

November 15, 2018
Step 2: Full application due (by invitation only)

January 2019
Finalists notified

SELECTION PROCESS
The following entities will be involved in the selection of awardees:
- AAAAI Grant Review Committee
- AAAAI Foundation Council
- AAAAI Board of Directors

ANNOUNCEMENT
Selected awardees will be officially announced at the 2019 AAAAI Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

CONTACT
For additional information, please contact Sabine Gifford at AAAAI at (414) 272-6071 or sgifford@aaaai.org.
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Who will not be eligible in 2019?
The AAAAI Foundation wants to ensure equal opportunity for all institutions to receive grant support. As such, institutions who are actively receiving support through an AAAAI Foundation Faculty Development Award, will not be eligible.

For 2019, applications will not be accepted from the following institutions:
A. Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia – Philadelphia, PA (2018 Award)
B. Children’s National Medical Center – Washington, DC (2018 Award)
C. University of San Diego – San Diego, CA (2018 Award)
D. Brigham and Women’s Hospital – Cambridge, MA (2017 Award)
E. Indiana University School of Medicine – Indianapolis, IN (2017 Award)
F. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – Chapel Hill, NC (2017 Award)

What is required of the award recipient?
Once the award is granted, the following requirements will need to be met to ensure that the award will continue throughout the 3-year award cycle:
A. Annual written progress report, including research efforts and other career development aspects as well as a summary of the allocation of the received funds, to the AAAAI Foundation Council and AAAAI Board of Directors (Due on July 1 of each award year)
B. An annual supporting letter from awardee’s mentor/chair (Due on July 1 of each award year)
C. Acknowledgement of the AAAAI Foundation support when doing presentations or publications that result from the research conducted and sponsored by the award
D. Submission of research results is strongly encouraged, e.g. abstract, for presentation at an AAAAI Annual Meeting

In case the above requirements are not fulfilled, the AAAAI Foundation may discontinue the award, in which case the recipient would be notified in writing, including the reason for this action and effective date of the discontinuation.

Important Information to Note
A. The award is nontransferable
B. A selected awardee may apply for grant support from other sources, including NIH R01 grants during the award cycle
C. The award is distributed to the awardee’s institution to which the awardee will remain accountable. As such, the sponsor institution will be responsible for documenting its role in support of the research, including space and equipment.
D. Under the award terms, a leave from the sponsored institution may be permitted, if it is undertaken to further the research efforts of the award.
   a. Up to 3 months of leave can be approved by the sponsored institution. Leave longer than 3 months will require a formal request to the AAAAI Foundation Council and AAAAI Board of Directors, prior to the leave.
2019 Application Instructions

Step 1: Letter of Intent (Due September 4, 2018)

What will you need to submit?

- Current CV (NIH biosketch format)
- A 2-page letter of intent containing the following:
  A. Current faculty appointment (including start date and mentor information)
  B. Funding (current/past/pending)
  C. An explanation how the proposed research will further the specialty
  D. A projection of how this award will impact your academic career
  E. A statement how you plan to advance the specialty of allergy/immunology throughout your career
  F. An outline of how your institution will support the research (protected time, matching funds)

- A 1-page Specific Aims page, which
  A. Outlines the project, and highlights the critical need it will address
  B. States your overall project goal, your central hypothesis, and your rationale for pursuing the project
  C. Delineates the specific aims, their purpose and working hypothesis
  D. Identifies the project’s innovation, significance and expected outcomes

Where to submit your letter of intent?

Your application will need to be submitted online at www.aaaai.org. To access the application, navigate to the Grants and Awards page in the Professional Education & Training section.

To ensure your application will be considered, make sure all information listed above is included in the application. Submit the application as one combined document.

What to expect after Letter of Intent is submitted?

All applications will be reviewed and results will be communicated by October 9, 2018. The top 10 candidates will be invited to submit a full application by November 15, 2018.

Please note that for this first step (letter of intent), no reviewer comments will be provided.

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Step 2: Full Application by Invitation only (Due November 15, 2018)

When should you submit a full application?
Full applications will be accepted by invitation only. The review committee will notify the top candidates and offer the invitation to submit a full application for consideration of the award.

What should accompany the full application?
The full application needs to be submitted as one combined PDF document and should be organized into the following sections:

- **Sponsor’s Statement of Purpose**
  This is a letter from the Program Director, Division or Department Chair at your institution that should contain the following information:
  A. Your sponsor institution’s objective for you as a AAAAI Foundation Faculty Development Award candidate
  B. Confirmation of your faculty appointment now and for the duration of the grant
  C. Current and proposed programs in the research of allergy/immunology
  D. Program support currently available or intended to be available for the allergy/immunology division and you as the candidate
  E. The program’s placement within the institution and any interdisciplinary activities
  F. Your role and academic appointments
  G. The institute’s commitment to providing you with 75% protected time for the research
  H. An outline of further training required for you to be able to develop an independent research program

- **Curriculum Vitae (NIH biosketch format)**
  Include your curriculum vitae with a full disclosure of all grants or awards received or pending

- **Research Plan**
  This section should include details of your proposed research plan in allergy/immunology as outlined below. (10 pages for information under A-E; Arial font 11)
  A. Specific Aims
  B. Background and Significance
  C. Preliminary data (if available)
  D. Methods and procedures, including consideration of relevant biological variables (such as age and sex) and of rigorous scientific design for robust and unbiased results
  E. Long-range objectives
  F. References
G. Research project budget and budget justification
   a. Including how this research might lead to additional grant funding

H. If applicable, documentation that the proposed research was approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) or the human subjects Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the grantee institution

✓ Facilities
   Description of the facilities that will be available to you for the research and training

✓ Personal References
   Three letters of recommendation from people familiar with your qualifications. At least one must be from an individual not at your sponsoring institution.

Where to submit your full application?
Your application will need to be submitted online at https://aaai.confex.com/aaai/2019gas/gateway.cgi. You may also navigate to the online submission form through www.aaai.org and going to the Grants and Awards page in the Professional Education & Training section.

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