



**2019 AAAAI/The Mastocytosis Society, Inc. Research Award in Mast Cell Disorders including Mastocytosis and/or Mast Cell Activation Syndrome: DEADLINE October 15, 2018**

<b>Objective</b>	The AAAAI /The Mastocytosis Society, Inc. (TMS) Research Award in Mast Cell Disorders including Mastocytosis and/or Mast Cell Activation Syndrome is a collaborative effort between the AAAAI and TMS. The award program is administered by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI). The award supports research that will advance the understanding of Mast Cell Disorders including Mastocytosis and/or Mast Cell Activation Syndrome. Funding is restricted to support studies related to mast cell disorders including mastocytosis and/or mast cell activation syndrome.
<b>Sponsors</b>	American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) and The Mastocytosis Society, Inc. (TMS)
<b>Amount</b>	This one-year award will provide \$60,000/year for salary and lab expenses. Award term is July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Funds may not be used for institutional indirect costs.
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>Applicants may be at any level of research experience, however, at the time of application, the applicant must hold a MD, DO, PhD, MD/PhD, or DO/PhD. At the time of award the recipient must have a primary faculty or equivalent appointment in an allergy/immunology division/ section/ program of an academic institution; be undertaking a project related to mast cell disorders including mastocytosis and/or mast cell activation syndrome; and have completed a training or research fellowship.</p> <p>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 must conduct their research at an allergy/immunology division or section in the United States. Applicants must be AAAAI members and a US citizen or permanent resident.</p> <p>Applicants may be current recipients of NIH K08 awards but may not be current recipients of NIH R01 awards or be PI or Co-PI of a project on an NIH program project grant.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	October 15, 2018
<b>Submission</b>	See details on the reverse of this form.
<b>Selection</b>	Selection is made by an ad hoc committee consisting of representatives from the AAAAI Grant Review Committee and The Mastocytosis Society, Inc. Priority will be given to those applicants who document a career plan for obtaining future research funding. Proposals will be judged based on the following: Scientific merit; relevance of project goal(s) to Mast Cell Disorders including Mastocytosis and/or Mast Cell Activation Syndrome; affiliation with a recognized and appropriate research facility; and the timeline for benefit to patients with Mast Cell Disorders including Mastocytosis and/or Mast Cell Activation Syndrome.
<b>Terms</b>	<p>Receipt of this award does not preclude the applicant from obtaining grant support from other sources. However, there must not be significant overlap with other funded grants.</p> <p>Support from the <b>AAAAI/TMS Research Award in Mast Cell Disorders including Mastocytosis and/or Mast Cell Activation Syndrome</b> is to be acknowledged in presentations and publications resulting from the research sponsored by the award.</p> <p>The award is nontransferable. The award recipient is directly responsible as an employee to the sponsoring institution. The sponsoring institution is responsible for documenting its role in terms of supporting the education and research efforts as well as providing adequate research capacity, including space and equipment, for the award recipient.</p> <p>The AAAAI/TMS may discontinue the award if it is documented that the purpose or the terms of the award are not being fulfilled. In this event, the recipient will be notified in writing of this determination, the reason, and the effective date.</p> <p>The recipient must submit a final written progress report to the AAAAI/TMS, including disposition of funds. It is also expected that the recipient will present the final results of his/her research at an AAAAI Annual Meeting and a TMS Annual Meeting.</p>

## **Application Instructions**

The application should be organized as follows:

### **I. Sponsor's Statement of Purpose**

This letter should be from the Program Director, Division or Department Chair sponsoring the candidate. It must clearly present:

- A description of current or proposed programs in Mast Cell Disorders including Mastocytosis and/or Mast Cell Activation Syndrome research and education
- A description and qualifications of team/staff members
- Program support now available or intended for the term of the award
- The program's placement within the institution and any interdisciplinary activities
- The candidate's role and academic appointment(s)
- Further training required by the candidate, as documented by the appropriate academic official

### **II. Applicant's Statement of Purpose**

This letter should outline the award and career objectives of the applicant toward Mastocytosis and/or Mast Cell Activation Syndrome research. The letter should specify:

- Current and future Mast Cell Disorders including Mastocytosis and/or Mast Cell Activation Syndrome research objectives
- Further training requested by the candidate

### **III. Candidate's Curriculum Vitae**

The CV must include a full disclosure of all grants or awards currently received or pending.

### **IV. Research Plan**

The research plan should include a thorough statement of the candidate's proposed research plan, which must not exceed 10 pages for sections A-F (Arial font 11), including:

- A. Specific aims (200 words)
- B. Relevant scientific background and significance
- C. Preliminary results (if available)
- D. Study design (methods and procedures)
- E. Anticipated outcome/benefit to patients with Mast Cell Disorders including Mastocytosis and/or Mast Cell Activation Syndrome
- F. Source of research subjects and potential risks to human or animal subjects
- G. Long-range objectives
- H. References
- I. Research project budget

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

### **V. Facilities**

A description of the facilities for research and training needed by the candidate must be included.

### **VI. Personal References**

Letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with the candidate's qualifications must be included with the application.

### **Submission**

Submission is made online at <https://aaaai.confex.com/aaaai/2019gas/gateway.cgi>. The application should be uploaded as a single PDF file.

### **Deadline**

This application must be received no later than 11:59 PM CT on October 15, 2018.

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