

About the Allergic Respiratory Diseases Research Award

Research is crucial to a future where lung disease no longer threatens the health of our families and friends. The American Lung Association and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) Allergic Respiratory Diseases Research Award represents a joint effort to encourage and support applicants holding a primary faculty appointment in a Clinical Allergy and Immunology Division conducting research into advancing the understanding of allergic respiratory disease. One of goals of this collaboration is to fund researchers at important crossroads of their careers.

About the Funding Opportunity

The Allergic Respiratory Diseases Research Award is for \$75,000 per year, for up to two years. The grant aims to increase research in academic allergy and immunology divisions in the effort to benefit patients. As such, the applicant must hold a doctoral degree, be in a clinical Allergy and Immunology Division (or Clinical Immunology Division), be undertaking a project related to allergic respiratory disease, and have completed training. No more than 75% of the requested budget may be used for an awardee's salary and/or fringe benefits and no more than 30% of the total award budget may be used to fund the purchase of permanent equipment. Grant funds may be used for the salary and fringe benefit costs of personnel other than the Applicant. Grants are subjected to annual review, the second year of support is based on demonstrating satisfactory progress, as well as, the availability of funding from both organizations.

Award recipients will be selected by a review panel composed of American Lung Association and American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology representatives. Awards are administered by the American Lung Association but the funding of the awards is split equally by the associations.

Key Dates

August 5, 2019	Applications accepted through proposalCENTRAL
December 12, 2019	Deadline to submit an application is Thursday, December 12, 2019 (11:59 PM, Eastern Time)
February- April	Peer Review Period
June 2020	Funding notifications are sent to all applicants

Important Notes

Applicants are limited to submitting only one application per annual cycle.

It is recommended that applicants submit projects to the appropriate Institutional Animal Care and Use of Committee (IACUC) and human subjects Institutional Review Board (IRB) at the time of application or before. Copies of the approvals must be provided to the American Lung Association prior to the start of an award; otherwise the award may be administratively withdrawn.

Eligibility Requirements

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-1B**), Canadian or Mexican citizen engaging in professional activities (**TN**), Australians in Specialty Occupation (**E-3**) or temporary worker with extraordinary abilities in the sciences (**O-**

1). At the time of application and throughout the award, an applicant must be employed by a U.S. institution.

Education and Experience

At the time of application, **the applicant must hold a doctoral degree and have a primary faculty appointment in a Clinical Allergy and Immunology division/section of an academic institution.** Applicants from outside of an Allergy and Immunology Division will not be considered. *If your institution does not have a designated Allergy and Immunology Division/Section, you are not eligible to apply.*

Applicants must be undertaking a project related to allergic respiratory disease; completed training; be independent; and 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 may be at any level of research experience but priority will be given to applicants below the rank of associate professor who have not received more than one R award.

An individual can be awarded this grant only once.

Peer Review

Applications deemed eligible for funding will go through a rigorous external peer review process. Factors considered when reviewing applications include:

- Scientific merit, technical feasibility, innovation and project relevance to the mission of the American Lung Association and AAAAI
- Applicant's education, experience and recommendation letters
- Research environment and resources
- Likelihood that the applicant will engage in an ongoing career in lung health research
- Department Chair (or equivalent) letter clearly assuring faculty appointment with demonstrated institutional commitment before the start of an award