



# Dermatology Foundation

## News Release

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### **DERMATOLOGY FOUNDATION - \$4.4 MILLION TO RESEARCH IN 2006**

At its 41st Annual Meeting on March 4, 2006, in San Francisco, CA, the Dermatology Foundation announced the allocation of \$4.4 million to research in support of developing the research and teaching careers of the next generation of leaders in medical and surgical dermatology.

Sixty-three (63) individuals and projects received funding as part of the Foundation's mission of shaping the future of dermatology. The Foundation continued its emphasis on career development by providing \$55,000/year for up to three years to 40 investigators. The broad range of topics includes melanoma and other skin cancers, immunotherapies, elements of innate and adaptive immunity, tele-dermatology, aspects of skin structure and physiology, and the pathology and treatment of diseases such as scleroderma, psoriasis and atopic dermatitis. The Foundation also awarded 23 one-year fellowships and grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

The 2006 multi-year awards are: 13 Physician-Scientist Career Development Awards; 5 Medical Dermatology Career Development Awards; 6 Clinical Career Development Awards in Dermatologic Surgery; 1 Health Care Policy Clinical Career Development Awards; 1 Women's Health Care Career Development Award; 13 Research Career Development Awards in basic science; and 1 Psoriasis Research Career Development Award. One-year fellowships consist of 8 Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowships. Single-year grants are: 4 Patient Directed Investigation Grants; 8 Basic Science Research Grants and 3 Program Development Grants.

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Total Dermatology Foundation support from individual dermatologists reached a record \$3.4 million. These funds came primarily from members of the Annenberg Circle and Leaders Society. Corporate support totaled \$3.5 million with targeted support for the Research Awards Program coming from the following:

Contributions of \$100,000 or more came from: Astellas Pharma US, Inc.; Dermik Laboratories, Inc.; Galderma Laboratories, L.P.; Ortho Neutrogena; and Unilever Home and Personal Care – U.S.A. Contributions of \$50,000 or more were given in support of the 2006 Research Awards Program by: Abbott; Allergan Dermatology; Avon Products, Inc., Connetics Corporation; Coria Laboratories, Ltd.; L’Oreal Recherche; Medicis, The Dermatology Company®; Mary Kay, Inc.; Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; and Valeant Pharmaceuticals International.

Meaningful support from a wide-range of dermatologic societies is a mainstay of the DF’s mission to shape the future of dermatology. In 2005 funding of \$50,000 or over was provided by: the American Academy of Dermatology, the National Psoriasis Foundation, and the Women’s Dermatologic Society.

The Dermatology Foundation, a non-profit organization, has been supporting the future of dermatology since 1964 when a group of concerned dermatologists founded it to support the career-development, and retention of the next generation of researchers and educators throughout dermatology. It is second only to the federal government as a source of funding for those pursuing careers in research and teaching and raises contributions from members of the specialty and the cosmetic, pharmaceutical and surgical industries. For a complete view of the Dermatology Foundation’s activities, programs and publications, please visit its website at [www.dermatologyfoundation.org](http://www.dermatologyfoundation.org).

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