



Dermatology  
Foundation

**2020**  
**Sun Pharma Research Award**

**Applicant Instructions**

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## ***Introduction***

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The Dermatology Foundation is pleased to again offer a research award made possible by a generous contribution from Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc—**the 2020 Sun Pharma Research Award**. The Foundation welcomes award applications for basic, clinical or translational research related to **inflammatory skin disorders**.

This award is designed to support the research of outstanding **mid-career investigators**. It is the expectation that **Sun Pharma Research Award** applicants are actively pursuing “R” funding to further their research and academic careers in dermatology.

## ***About the Dermatology Foundation***

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The Dermatology Foundation was founded in 1964 as a charitable organization whose mission is to enable advancements in patient care by supporting innovative research completed by promising investigators. It is understood that this core mission of the DF will expand our understanding of a broad array of dermatologic diseases as well as systemic diseases with cutaneous manifestations and foster the development of new and improved treatments. To achieve these goals, the Foundation designed and established a comprehensive Research Awards Program with funding mechanisms that serve all areas of the specialty.

Since its creation, the DF has allocated over \$70 million to support the novel research of talented investigators and educators in dermatology and cutaneous biology.

## ***Award Details***

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### **a. Description**

The **Sun Pharma Research Award** is intended to support an outstanding mid-career investigator with an established trajectory in basic, clinical or translational science. The proposed research should yield novel results that expand the understanding and/or treatment of patients with inflammatory skin disorders including but not limited to psoriasis or atopic dermatitis. Research proposals are expected to be hypothesis-driven and should span a three-year period.

### **b. Amount and Effective Date**

The **Sun Pharma Research Award** provides **\$100,000 in annual support for up to three years**. Award funds may be used for any combination of salary and related benefits, and project expenses. Award funds may not be used for indirect expenses. Funding for year one of the award will be effective **July 1, 2020**.

### c. Award Eligibility Requirements

This award is designed to support outstanding mid-career investigators committed to developing new treatments for inflammatory skin diseases. The specific eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; D.O.; or Ph.D. degree
2. Appropriate training and experience in relevant research
3. Faculty member with a primary appointment in U.S. dept./division of dermatology with an ACGME-approved dermatology residency program, and, as of January 1, 2020, is no greater than 10 years beyond his or her initial appointment as an Assistant Professor
4. Demonstrates a strong commitment to research in inflammatory skin diseases
5. Strong institutional commitment for the PI exists
6. Recipient may concurrently hold federally funded awards or their equivalent (e.g. NIH, VA, DOD, FDA, Doris Duke, Burroughs Wellcome, etc.)
7. At least 75% effort committed to research
8. **Research aims are unique to this award**
9. Cannot hold other DF support at the time of funding (CDA-Yr3 recipients may apply)
10. Award cannot be used for indirect expenses

Minority applicants are encouraged to apply.

### d. General Eligibility Requirements

The **Sun Pharma Research Award** is subject to the Dermatology Foundation's general eligibility requirements for its Research Awards Program, which must be met at the time of funding (i.e. July 1, 2020). As a result, the research funded by this award must be conducted in the U.S. under the sponsorship of a division or department of dermatology that has an ACGME-approved dermatology residency program. A project involving human subjects must have IRB approval at the time funding commences and throughout the term of the award.

### e. Application Deadline

Application packages for the **2020 Sun Pharma Research Award** will be accepted by the Dermatology Foundation through **Monday, September 16, 2019**.

Please note the new submission procedure for 2020: **applicants must submit application materials through Dropbox.com**. Contact the DF at [DFRAP@dermatologyfoundation.org](mailto:DFRAP@dermatologyfoundation.org) to request your individual, secure application link. It is strongly suggested that you email your request at least one week in advance of the due date. Every candidate must utilize a link provided by the DF to submit their application materials via Dropbox. The DF will no longer accept applications via email. The DF will confirm receipt no later than Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Award Details (cont.)***

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### **f. Additional Considerations**

There is no limit to the number of award applications that may be submitted per institution. In addition, the recipient of this award agrees to be available to present their research to the Dermatology Foundation and/or the sponsor of this award.

### **g. Selection Process**

A single recipient will be selected by the DF's Board of Directors based on the recommendations of the Medical and Scientific Committee. Application for renewal of the award is required. Renewal of the award for year two and three will be based on a non-competitive review of the recipient's progress to date.

## Application Instructions

To apply for the **2020 Sun Pharma Research Award**, you will need to prepare the following items, as directed in the table below:

- a. Mid-career application checklist
- b. Award application: *Sun Pharma Research Award*
- c. NIH bio-sketch
- d. Research proposal
- e. Budget
- f. Letter of support from the dermatology chair/chief
- g. Short and long layman's description of research project
- h. Black and white headshot
- i. Original figures – *Optional*

Your application package must be uploaded to the DF's Dropbox account and will include up to five electronic files. Contact the DF at [DFRAP@dermatologyfoundation.org](mailto:DFRAP@dermatologyfoundation.org) to obtain your secure application link in advance of the due date. **Your application materials must be received by the DF no later than Monday, September 16, 2019 at 11:59 PM CST.** Please be sure to assign the file names as directed below. Receipt of your application package will be confirmed via email no later than Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Description and Requirements</i>
<b>File #1:</b> Create a single PDF that includes items a.–e. Ensure a.-e. are placed in the order presented below and have consecutive page numbers. The file name should be “your last name-first initial-application.pdf” (e.g., smith-b-application.pdf).	
a. Mid-career application checklist	The checklist will be the cover page for your application package. Complete all sections of this form and use it as a guide to ensure your package is complete prior to submitting it to the DF.
b. Award application form—Sun Pharma Research	Download this form from the DF website ( <a href="http://dermatologyfoundation.org/rap/">dermatologyfoundation.org/rap/</a> ). Complete the form in its entirety and obtain required signatures. This will be page 1 of your application package.
c. NIH bio-sketch	Provide your NIH bio-sketch. Be sure to limit the number of pages to 5. Also, be sure to disclose prior, current and pending research support (aims <b>must not</b> overlap with those proposed in application). This will be pages 2-6 of your application package.
d. Research proposal	Provide up to a <b>two-page</b> description of your proposed research project. Your proposal must include: title of project, specific aims, background and preliminary data, experimental design and methods, projected results and significance, and references/literature cited. Font size must be at least 12 pt. with no more than 15 characters per inch and no more than six lines within a vertical inch. Citations may be in a smaller font size. Leave one-inch margins on all sides. Do not append any additional material.

## Application Instructions (cont.)

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Description and Requirements</b>
e. Detailed budget	Provide a <b>one-page, three-year</b> budget that identifies how award funds will be used. Provide appropriate justification for each line item. The DF employs the NIH definition of direct costs; please be sure no indirect costs are included in your budget.
<b>File #2:</b> Create a single PDF that includes item e. below. The file name should be “your last name-first initial-supportletter.pdf” (e.g., smith-b-supportletter.pdf).	
f. Letter of support from dermatology chair/chief	Provide a letter of support from your chair on your institution’s letterhead. The letter must certify that 75% of your time is devoted to research and it should identify departmental commitments/resources that have been devoted to support you (e.g., space, protected time, development funds and technical support). Additional comments relevant to the review your application (e.g., including institutional/special resources, patient registries, etc.) are encouraged. The letter may be up to <b>two pages</b> .
<b>File #3:</b> Create a single PDF file that contains item f. below. Name this file “your last name-first initial-laydescription.pdf”	
g. Short and long layman’s description of research project	Provide two descriptions of your research proposal in layman’s terms for use in the DF’s printed award announcements. The short version should be limited to 100 words. The long version should be limited to <b>one page</b> . Margins may be no smaller than 1” and a 12-pt. font must be used.
<b>File #4:</b> This file may be a JPG file or another format easily accessed for printing purposes. Be sure to name the file “your last name-first initial-photo.jpg.”	
h. Black and white headshot	Provide a file containing a black and white photo of you dressed professionally. Vertical orientation is required. The file must be at least 150 DPI at 8x10.
<b>File #5:</b> OPTIONAL—If you would like to provide a file providing higher resolution images of your proposal figures, you may submit them in a separate PDF file named “your last name-first initial-figures.pdf.”	
i. Research Proposal Figures	Provide a file containing <b>only</b> those images/figures in your proposal. Do not include additional information.

## Questions?

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Should you have any questions regarding the application process for the new award, please feel free to contact Beth Rankin at [DFRAP@dermatologyfoundation.org](mailto:DFRAP@dermatologyfoundation.org). Or, call the DF office at 847-328-2256 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST, Monday-Friday).