

Special Opportunity for Mid-Career Investigators Apply by November 18, 2019

Dermatology Foundation – MRA Melanoma Detection or Prevention Mid-Career Investigator Award

The Dermatology Foundation and Melanoma Research Alliance are pleased to introduce a new, unique opportunity for mid-career investigators. Applications are requested for dermatologic research addressing improved approaches for melanoma detection or prevention. This award will support innovations in melanoma diagnosis/detection/prevention and could include but are not limited to the following:

- Artificial intelligence algorithms or dermoscopy applications to evaluate clinical lesions;
- Artificial intelligence algorithms to evaluate histologic slides for melanoma diagnosis;
- Identification of novel biomarkers that improve diagnosis and predict outcomes for melanoma;
- Methods to detect circulating melanoma cells/DNA;
- Identification of DNA mutations patterns that improve diagnosis and treatment outcomes;
- Radiologic techniques to image metastatic disease; and
- Telemedicine approaches to improve community outreach to detect melanoma.

Term: One year, beginning **July 1, 2020** with the option to renew for one additional year.

Amount: Up to \$100,000 for one year, with option to renew for an additional \$100,000 in year two.

Eligibility Requirements:

The award will support the research of an outstanding mid-career investigator with an established trajectory of excellence who meets the following requirements as of the date of funding, July 1, 2020 (or as otherwise noted).

- M.D.; M.D., Ph.D.; D.O.; or Ph.D. degree
- Faculty member with a primary appointment in U.S. dept./division of dermatology with an ACGME approved training program
- Is no greater than 10 years beyond initial appointment as an Assistant Professor as of January 1, 2020
- At least 75% effort committed to research
- Applicants may serve as PI on only one proposal submitted to MRA for any of the award mechanisms in this cycle
- Applicant CAN concurrently hold other MRA funding at time of application
- Applicant CANNOT hold other Dermatology Foundation support at the time of funding (applicants in year 3 of a DF Career Development Award may apply)
- Applicant must have appropriate training and experience in relevant research and demonstrate a strong commitment to research in skin cancer
- Strong institutional commitment for the applicant
- Research aims must be unique to the award
- Recipient may concurrently hold federally funded awards or their equivalent (e.g., NIH, VA, DOD, FDA, Doris Duke, Burroughs Wellcome, etc.)

Special Note for Applicants: This award is jointly sponsored by the DF and MRA. In keeping with this partnership, the announcement, agreement, and payment schedule are unique to this award and will require the execution of an agreement with both organizations.

For full award details and application instructions, see the Request for Proposals [here](#).

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