

## **AGA/R. Robert and Sally Funderburg Research Scholar Award in Gastric Cancer**

### **DESCRIPTION**

This grant of \$50,000 per year for two years (total \$100,000) is awarded to an established investigator working on novel approaches in gastric cancer, including the fields of gastric mucosal cell biology; regeneration and regulation of cell growth (not as they relate to peptic ulcer disease or repair); inflammation (including *Helicobacter pylori*) as precancerous lesions; genetics of gastric carcinoma; oncogenes in gastric epithelial malignancies; epidemiology of gastric cancer; etiology of gastric epithelial malignancies; or clinical research in the diagnosis or treatment of gastric carcinoma.

### **OBJECTIVE**

To support an active, established investigator in the field of gastric biology who enhances the fundamental understanding of gastric cancer pathobiology in order to ultimately develop a cure for the disease.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Applicant must hold a faculty position at an accredited North American institution and must be established as an independent investigator in the field of gastric biology.
- Applicants must be members of the AGA at the time of application submission. Please visit [www.gastro.org](http://www.gastro.org) or call 301-654-2055, extension 651, for membership information.
- Women and minority investigators are strongly encouraged to apply.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- A letter of recommendation should be provided by the Division Chief or Chair of the Department of Medicine and should outline support of the candidate and his/her research program.
- Funds are to be used for the salary support, equipment and supplies of the investigator to promote his/her research. Indirect costs are not allowed.
- Upon receipt of award notification, the recipient must provide approval from the appropriate committee at his/her institution for use of human subjects or animals. If approval is not necessary, the recipient must provide an explanation.
- The investigator must submit semi-annual progress reports and an annual financial report to the AGA Foundation. Second year funding is contingent upon submission of these reports.
- All publications, presentations and abstracts arising from work funded by this program must acknowledge support from the R. Robert & Sally D. Funderburg Research Scholar Award in Gastric Biology, the AGA and the Foundation for Digestive Health and Nutrition.

### **AWARD OVERLAP**

If an award recipient receives notification of another award with overlapping scientific objectives, prior to the start date of an AGA or FDHN award, the applicant must select one of the two awards.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The recipient will be selected based on novelty, feasibility and significance of the proposal; attributes of the candidate; and the likelihood that support will lead to a research career in the field of gastric biology. Preference will be given to novel approaches.

## **REVIEW PROCESS**

A selection committee composed of selected experts in cancer research will review the proposals and determine the award recipient.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

The application deadline for this award is midnight, September 4. To download the award application, please visit [www.fdhn.org](http://www.fdhn.org). The completed application, letters of support or commitment and other documents, as applicable, must be combined into and submitted as **one** PDF document. The document must be titled by the applicant's last name and first initial only. Hard copies are not accepted. Please email the application document to [awards@fdhn.org](mailto:awards@fdhn.org). Please direct all questions to the Research Awards Manager, by telephone at 301-222-4012 or via email at [awards@fdhn.org](mailto:awards@fdhn.org). For more information about this award and other AGA Foundation research funding opportunities, please visit the AGA Foundation Web site at [www.fdhn.org](http://www.fdhn.org).

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