

## Elsevier Pilot Research Award\*

### DESCRIPTION

A research initiative grant of \$25,000 for one year is offered to investigators to support pilot research projects in gastroenterology- or hepatology-related areas.

### OBJECTIVE

To provide non-salary funds for new investigators to help them establish their research careers or to support pilot projects that represent new research directions for established investigators. The intent is to stimulate research in gastroenterology- or hepatology-related areas by permitting investigators to obtain new data that can ultimately provide the basis for subsequent grant applications of more substantial funding and duration.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Investigator must possess an MD or PhD degree or equivalent and must hold a faculty position at an accredited North American institution.
- Candidates may not hold awards on a similar topic from other agencies.
- Applicant must be an AGA member 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.
- **Applicants for this award may not simultaneously apply for the Donald O Castell, MD, Esophageal Clinical Research Award.**
- Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

### 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 choose between the two awards.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Funds may be used for salary support of research assistants, biostatistics support, laboratory personnel and technicians only, supplies and/or equipment. Indirect costs are not allowed.
- A letter of recommendation from the Division Chief or Department Chair is required for all applicants at the Instructor or Assistant Professor level.
- Established investigators who are applying for this award to support a new initiative should state explicitly how the initiative is different from their previous line of research.
- Upon notification of receipt of this award, 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.
- A scientific progress and financial report must be submitted to the Foundation upon completion of the project.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals will be selected on the basis of novelty, importance, feasibility, environment, commitment of the institution and overall likelihood that the project will lead to subsequent, more substantial grants.

### REVIEW PROCESS

A selection committee consisting of established investigators will select the award recipient.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

The application deadline date for this award is January 15. To download the award application, please visit [www.fdn.org](http://www.fdn.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@fdn.org](mailto:awards@fdn.org). Please direct all questions to the Research Awards Manager, by telephone at 301-222-4012 or via email at [awards@fdn.org](mailto:awards@fdn.org). For more information about this award and other AGA Foundation research funding opportunities, please visit the Foundation Web site at [www.fdn.org](http://www.fdn.org).

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