



**THE AMERICAN
RHINOLOGIC SOCIETY (ARS)**

**ARS CONSORTIUM AWARD
GRANT POLICIES**

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this award is to support inter-institutional basic, translational, or clinical research projects in rhinology.

B. ELIGIBILITY

Any group of 3 or more members of the American Rhinologic Society at different institutions who have completed residency are eligible. A lead institution must be identified to serve as the primary award recipient. **Applications submitted by ineligible PIs will NOT be reviewed by the CORE Study Section.**

C. CONDITIONS

Proposed projects must relate to an established “Knowledge Gap and Research Opportunity” such as those identified in the “International Consensus Statement on Allergy and Rhinology” documents. Justification of the topic and how it can be optimally addressed through a consortium must be included in the body of the research plan. A lead PI/Institution must be established who will have responsibility for coordinating regulatory approvals and distribution of funds among the consortium. The proposed project must be approved by each candidate's department chairperson and institution. The recipient(s) shall be free to publish the results afterward, but the American Rhinologic Society shall have the right of first refusal for publication in its journal, *The International Forum of Allergy and Rhinology*. Any presentation or publication of results supported by this award shall acknowledge the contribution of the ARS Consortium award. The results of research funded by the ARS must be submitted in abstract form for consideration for presentation at a national meeting of the American Rhinologic Society. Applications must be accompanied by an inter-institutional agreement and Department Chair letter of support from each applicant verifying that each applicant will be permitted to participate in a consortium project and devote an appropriate amount of time to the conduct and timely completion of the proposed research project. Applicants must obtain letters of support/understanding from all key personnel on the project. The Academy will withhold up to ten per cent (10%) of the grant until such time that the research project is completed and all requirements have been met, as outlined in section L; Reporting Requirements.

D. TERMS

1. **Amount:** \$50,000/yr over 3 years for \$150,000 maximum total, (direct and indirect) costs to be distributed to the sub-award sites by the lead institution
2. **Period:** Up to 36 months, non-renewable
3. **Funding:** The ARS Board of Directors will determine the total number of Research Grants authorized annually. The actual number of awards funded will depend on the merit of the applications received.
4. **Use of Funds:** Funding may not be used for salary support for the Principal Investigators; however, up to 50% of the total budget may be requested to support assistants or other technical personnel. If university policy stipulates that a portion of this very modest award must go toward institutional indirect costs, no more than ten percent (10%) of the direct costs may be applied for indirect costs. Equipment and supplies purchased with this award become the property of the recipient institution.



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5. **Notification:** Letters of notification will be sent by June 1 of the award year. Please do not call the AAO-HNSF or ARS office prior to this time to inquire about the results.
6. **Start Date:** The grant may be activated as early as July 1 of the award year and no later than January 1 of the following year.

E. Consortium Grants

In addition to the conditions delineated in sections A-D, the consortium award must include a section no more than 2 pages demonstrating feasibility of completion of the consortium project including:

- Justification of choice of sites and investigators (e.g. demonstration of prior successful collaboration)
- How the consortium will be used to address the knowledge gap in a manner superior to any single institution/site
- How the results of this project will be used to foster future projects and funding applications from the consortium

F. FORMAT

Applications are in a similar format to the National Institutes of Health. All applications must be completed and submitted online through ProposalCENTRAL™ at <https://proposalcentral.altum.com>. Visit <http://www.entnet.org/CORE> for more information on the application process

G. SIGNATURES

ARS grants are legally awarded to the institution with which the Principal Investigator from the lead institution is affiliated, not to the investigator or his/her division or department or the sub-award sites. For this reason, it is very important that applicants comply with their home institution's policies with regard to pre-submission processing of grant applications and inter-institutional research (e.g with respect to IRB, MTAs, sub-contracts, etc..). This can take time, so it is wise to plan ahead, allowing adequate time for processing and approvals. For example, the original copy of an application to the ARS must be signed by the person legally authorized to represent the institution in any contractual relationship that might result. This is typically someone in the administration whom the applicant does not know personally. Applicants are advised to consult their institution's offices of research administration or sponsored projects for information on processing requirements for an application prior to its submission.

H. APPROVALS

If the proposed research involves human subjects or vertebrate animals at any time, the project must be reviewed by the appropriate institutional review board (IRB) or animal use and care committee (IACUC). This approval should be obtained prior to submission and submitted with the application. If such approval is unavoidably delayed, enter "pending" instead of the date and send a follow-up certification of approval signed by an official of the application institution within 30 days after the January 15th receipt date. Grant applications which are not supported by evidence of the appropriate IRB or IACUC approvals will not be reviewed or considered further in that grant cycle. Any changes in the proposed work required by an IRB or IACUC to secure approval must be submitted to the ARS with the follow-up certification.



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I. LETTER OF INTENT

All applicants must submit a Letter of Intent online no later than midnight Eastern Standard Time December 17, 2020. The letter of intent includes the title of the project, the principal investigator, and an abstract of the work. This will facilitate planning review requirements. See the proposalCENTRAL™ website (<https://proposalcentral.altum.com>) to begin the letter of intent process.

J. RECEIPT DATE

Allow yourself enough time to have the appropriate individuals review your application. Once your application is complete, print your cover page and have all of the necessary individuals sign. Keep in mind that it may take a few days to obtain all of the necessary signatures. The CORE grants program is paperless, so no hard copies of the signature page are to be mailed. Once all signatures have been obtained, you should scan the document and upload the .pdf to the system and retain the original for your files if needed. Once the signature page has been uploaded, run the checks within the system and click 'SUBMIT.' You will receive a confirmation email indicating that your proposal has officially been submitted.

ALL materials must be submitted online by midnight, Eastern Standard Time, January 15, 2021.

K. FOLLOW-UP

In carrying out its stewardship of research programs, the ARS or AAO-HNSF may request information essential to an assessment of the effectiveness of this program. Accordingly, the recipients are hereby notified that s/he may be contacted after the completion of the award for periodic updates on various aspects of employment history, publications, support from research grants or contracts, honors and awards, professional activities, and other information helpful in evaluating the impact of the program.

L. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Recipients of the ARS Consortium Award are required to complete an interim report at 6-months. Within 30-days of the completion of the project, the awardee will submit a final report suitable for publication. The ARS shall have the right of first refusal as regards to publishing the results of investigations supported by this award. A final financial report must be submitted within 90 days of the close of the project. Any publications resulting from a project supported with the award shall acknowledge the contribution of the ARS Consortium Award.

CONTACT

If you have questions regarding this funding opportunity announcement, please contact Wendi Perez (wendi@american-rhinologic.org) at ARS.