

Call for Proposals – American Thyroid Association (ATA) Research Grants -- Deadline: January 31, 2012

Electronic Submission: Proposals must be submitted electronically through the research grant application feature on the ATA website, www.thyroid.org.



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The American Thyroid Association (ATA) is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support new investigator initiated research projects in the area of thyroid function and disease. Topics may include, but are not limited to, Thyroid Autoimmunity, Iodine Uptake and Metabolism, Thyroid Cancer, Medullary Thyroid Cancer, Clinical Disorders of Thyroid Function, Thyroid Hormone Action and Metabolism, Thyroid Imaging, Thyroid Nodules and Goiter, Thyroid Development and the Brain. Research awards are intended to assist new investigators in obtaining preliminary data for submission of a more substantial application (i.e., to the NIH). Research grants, up to \$25,000 annually, will be awarded for two year terms based on receipt and review of a satisfactory progress report from funded investigators in the fourth quarter of the first year of funding.

Guidelines for All Research Grant Proposals: As mentioned above, research awards are targeted for funding of new investigators to obtain preliminary data for submission of a more substantial application (i.e., to the NIH). Interested investigators should submit a brief description of the proposed research by January 31, 2012.

Eligibility of Applicant and Use of Funds Guidelines:

1. New investigators are individuals who are less than 6 years from completion of their post-doctoral fellowship and have never been a PI on an NIH RO1 or equivalent grant (recipients of NIH R29, R21 and KO8 awards are eligible).
2. Faculty members (MD and PhD) are eligible; however, those investigators who have reached the rank of associate professor or higher are not eligible.
3. Postdoctoral fellows are eligible if their department provides written confirmation that at the time of the award the applicant will have a junior faculty position.
4. Students working towards an MD or a PhD are not eligible.
5. Investigators and individuals who have previously received ATA, ThyCa or THANC awards are not eligible.
6. Applications are limited to one per individual researcher.
7. The funds can be used for direct costs associated with the proposal, including technician's salary, supplies or equipment but not for PI's salary.
8. Recipients of ATA grants must be ATA members (submit application online if not already a member). For new members, membership dues for the first year will be waived.

Proposal Requirements (please submit the following documents online):

1. Demographic information: Name /affiliation of applicant, complete work/home contact information – submitted into online system (do not include in grant proposal).
2. Grant Proposal (A short proposal that should be no longer than 900 words (including selected references) and no more than three double-spaced pages in 12 point type with 1" margins. These space requirements are absolute and nonconformance will preclude review. Do not include letterhead, name, address, institution, etc. This short proposal should include:

- Title of proposed study
- Background to the project
- Hypothesis and/or outline of proposed studies
- Outline of methodology
- Anticipated results and implications
- A short statement of how the grant will aid the applicant
- Selected References (e.g. Uchino S, et al. World J Surg 2002;26:897-902)

3. CV (NIH-style CV – up to 4 pages) - including evidence that the applicant is a new investigator with date of completion of postdoctoral training and current grant support (if any). In the case of postdoctoral fellows, written confirmation from the department chair must be provided that the applicant will have a junior faculty position at the time of the award. **Note: Without a suitable CV, applications will not be considered.**

4. Cover letter

Grant Review: The ATA Research Committee will rank proposals according to their scientific merit. Authors of selected proposals will be notified in March 2012 and invited to submit a complete grant application.