AWARDS

RESEARCH & FELLOWSHIP

ALF & AASLD 2011

APPLY NOW to be part of America’s most significant liver research initiative.

Supporting liver disease research, advancing human health, and developing the next generation of hepatologists, liver transplant surgeons, and allied health professionals.
As the advocate for patients with liver diseases, the American Liver Foundation (ALF) is the nation’s leading nonprofit organization promoting liver health and disease prevention.

The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) is the leading organization of scientists and healthcare professionals committed to preventing and curing liver disease.

Since their inceptions, the ALF and AASLD Research and Fellowship Awards programs have provided $37 million in research and career development support for nearly 900 physicians, researchers, and allied health professionals engaged in the development and application of new therapies and improved treatment options for the millions of patients with liver disease.

Applications are reviewed by ALF and/or AASLD committees comprised of leaders in the field of hepatology. Scores are based on the scientific merit of the research proposal or the strength of each applicant’s current environment and commitment to a career in hepatology. The number of awards and fellowships granted is contingent on the number of qualified applicants and available funding.

ALF and AASLD provide equal opportunity for all research and fellowship award applicants without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, military or veteran status, or any other basis prohibited by state or federal law.

ALF and AASLD maintain their commitment to supporting liver disease research and cultivating the next generation of hepatologists and liver transplant surgeons. You are invited to further this mission and apply for the opportunities which follow.
Advanced/Transplant Hepatology Fellowship Program

This one-year award of $60,000 provides salary and benefit support for gastroenterology fellows pursuing an additional, full year of training focused on patient care in advanced/transplant hepatology. The intent of the training program is to prepare the trainee to be eligible for certification in transplant hepatology by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and/or American Board of Pediatrics (ABP).

Support for the 2010 Advanced/Transplant Hepatology Fellowship Program from Astellas, The Roche Foundation and Schering-Plough is gratefully acknowledged.

Career Development Award in Liver Transplantation in Memory of the University of Michigan Transplant Team

A two-year award of $45,000 per year that fosters career development for individuals performing clinical and/or translational research in the field of liver transplantation and who have shown commitment to excellence in the field at an early stage of his or her career. The award is designed to support a junior faculty member in the development of liver transplant research so that further funding can be obtained.

Support for the 2010 Career Development Award in Liver Transplantation in Memory of the University of Michigan Transplant Team from the Astellas USA Foundation is gratefully acknowledged.

Clinical and Translational Research Awards in Liver Diseases

These two-year awards of $75,000 per year are intended to foster career development for individuals performing clinical and/or translational research in a liver-related area and who have shown commitment to excellence at an early stage of their research study. The awards ensure that a significant portion of young investigators’ time is protected for research, with an overall objective of enabling young investigators to develop independent and productive research careers in liver disease.

Support for the 2010 AASLD Jan Albrecht Commitment to Clinical Research in Liver Diseases Award from Schering-Plough is gratefully acknowledged.

Support for the 2010 AASLD Sheila Sherlock Clinical and Translational Research Award in Liver Diseases from Genentech is gratefully acknowledged.

AASLD/LIFER Clinical and Translational Research Fellowship in Liver Diseases Award

This one-year award of $75,000 is intended to foster career development for an individual outside North America to perform clinical research within the United States in a liver-related area, and who has shown commitment to excellence at an early stage of his or her research study. The award ensures that a significant portion of a young investigator’s time is protected for research, with an overall objective of enabling the investigator to develop an independent and productive research career in liver disease.

The 2010 AASLD/LIFER Clinical and Translational Research Fellowship in Liver Diseases Award is made possible by a grant from the Liver Institute and Foundation for Education and Research (LIFER). AASLD is also providing support of this award from its own operating funds.

Deadlines for preceding awards:

Application Deadline: October 15, 2010
Recipient Notification: February 2011
Award Start Date: July 1, 2011
NP/PA Clinical Hepatology Fellowship Program

This one-year award of $78,000 provides salary and benefit support for certified and licensed physician assistants (PA) or nurse practitioners (NP) pursuing a full year of training focused on clinical care in hepatology and is designed to:

- increase the number of mid-level practitioners in clinical hepatology;
- facilitate the transition (or shift in emphasis) into clinical hepatology for mid-level practitioners;
- increase access for liver disease patients to adequately trained clinicians.

Application Deadline: February 11, 2011
Recipient Notification: April 2011
Award Start Date: July 1, 2011

Support for the 2010 NP/PA Clinical Hepatology Fellowship Program from The Roche Foundation and Vertex Pharmaceuticals is gratefully acknowledged.

The Liver Meeting® 2011 Abstract, Research, and Travel Awards

Student Research Award
This award is given to a graduate student, who has not received an MD, PhD, or equivalent doctoral degree, who made a major contribution to the research study highlighted in their abstract submitted to The Liver Meeting®.

Young Investigator Travel Awards
These awards enable young researchers submitting abstracts to The Liver Meeting® to receive travel support to attend the meeting. Applicants must be 35 years old or younger and fluent in English.

Fellow Research Award
This award is given for the best abstract submitted to The Liver Meeting® by a fellow.

Pediatric Fellow Research Award
The purpose of this award is to foster excellence in pediatric liver disease research. The award is given to a physician/scientist with a primary appointment affiliation in a department of pediatrics.

Abstract Submission Period: April 6 – June 11, 2011
Recipient Notification: August 2011
Meeting Dates: November 4 – 8, 2011
Meeting Location: San Francisco, CA

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Download the applications and submit your abstracts for these AASLD awards in the Research Center at www.aasld.org. For further information regarding AASLD’s awards and fellowships, contact us by e-mail at awards@aasld.org, or call 703-299-9766.

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Liver Scholar Award
A three-year award of $75,000 per year that encourages young investigators to pursue a career in liver-related research, helps bridge the gap between their completion of research training and attaining status as independent research scientists, and ensures their ability to compete for research grants from national sources, particularly the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Applications on all research topics are encouraged.

Support to the ALF Liver Scholar Awards by donors to ALF’s Research Awards Program is gratefully acknowledged.

PSC Seed Grant
A two-year award of $50,000 per year that supports a faculty member at any academic level initiating a new area of investigation related to PSC. The proposed investigations may involve basic or clinical research. This research should lead to the submission of a successful application for support from the NIH or other agencies. Research projects include, but are not limited to pathophysiological studies, clinical trials or data analysis, and the application or assessment of new diagnostic and/or therapeutic modalities. Of particular interest are projects involving direct interaction with patients or with patient-derived specimens or data.

Support to the ALF PSC Seed Grant by donors to ALF’s Research Awards Program through the PSC Fund-for-a-Cure is gratefully acknowledged.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
A one-year award of $12,500 supports MD, PhD and MD/PhD postdoctoral fellows in their first or second year of appointment as a postdoctoral research fellow or trainee, and who seek professional development, additional training, and experience in liver research.

Applications on all research topics, including autoimmune liver disease, hepatitis C, pediatric liver diseases, PSC and transplantation, are encouraged.

Support for the ALF Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Awards by donors to the ALF Research Awards Program through the following funds is greatly appreciated: the Irwin M. Arias, MD Research Fund, the Roger L. Jenkins Research Fund, the Herman Lopata Memorial Hepatitis Research Fund, the Congressman John Joseph Moakley Research Fund, the Hans Popper Memorial Research Fund, the PSC Fund-for-a-Cure, the Sunflowers for Holli Research Fund, the Dean Theil Research Fund, the Charles Trey, MD Memorial Research Fund and the Alexander M. White III Research Fund.

Deadlines for preceding awards:
Application Deadline: October 15, 2010
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Download the applications for these ALF awards through the Research Awards Program section at www.liverfoundation.org. For further information regarding ALF’s awards and fellowships, contact Savonne Johnson at sjohnson@liverfoundation.org or 212-668-1000 x136.