



**2009 AASLD
CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD
IN LIVER TRANSPLANTATION IN MEMORY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN TRANSPLANT TEAM**

Application Deadline: September 2, 2008

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this award is to foster career development for an individual performing clinical and/or translational research in the field of liver transplantation and who has shown commitment to excellence in the field at an early stage of his or her career.

OBJECTIVE

The award is designed to support a junior faculty member in the development of liver transplant research so that further funding can be obtained.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for this award, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicant must be in the first five years of appointment as a junior faculty member (instructor or assistant professor) at a UNOS approved transplant center who spends 50% or more of his/her time in clinical transplantation or transplantation-related sciences.
2. Applicant must show commitment to making substantial contributions to the field of liver transplantation.
3. Applicant does not hold other similar research awards. Applicants who hold other research awards (NIH-K08, NIH-K23, Veterans Administration-Research Associate, Clinical Investigator, AGA Research Scholar Award, Glaxo Institute of Digestive Health Award, American Liver Foundation Liver Scholar Award, etc.) are not eligible.
4. Sponsor should be the applicant's research mentor and must be an AASLD member in good standing.
5. Applicant must be an AASLD member in good standing by the award start date.

AWARD AND REQUIREMENTS

One award of \$90,000 will be provided over two years (\$45,000 per year). Money may be used for *salary support* or for *technical support/laboratory supplies* for the investigator and no indirect costs are provided. It is expected that additional funds are available to the candidate in order to carry out the proposed research.

This award is intended to support the recipient's continued research. Funds will be issued to the recipient's institution and are not transferable from one recipient to another. The award cannot be transferred to another institution without prior written approval from AASLD.

Recipients must acknowledge the award in all publications resulting from research performed during the tenure of this award. Abstracts, manuscripts, or other articles that reflect research funded by this award must acknowledge support from AASLD, and copies must be forwarded to AASLD. In addition, a scientific progress and financial report must be sent to AASLD at the end of each award year and at the time when the award is complete. Funding of the second year of the award is contingent upon receipt of a first year progress report. All awardees are strongly encouraged to present their work at The Liver Meeting®.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be evaluated based upon their background, their commitment to a research career, the strength of their research project and the environment in which they will conduct this project.

REVIEW PROCESS

The AASLD Awards Committee will review the nominations received by the submission deadline and will make final recommendations to the AASLD Governing Board.

DEADLINE

Send the original and 14 three-hole punched copies of the completed application (including support materials) in one package by 5 pm Eastern on **September 2, 2008** to AASLD, 1001 N. Fairfax St., Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314 Attention: Career Development Award

Note: Do not staple any part of the application package.

NOTIFICATION DATE/START DATE

Notification date will be October 2008 for a July 2009 start date. Recipients will be recognized during The Liver Meeting® 2008, October 31 - November 4 in San Francisco, California.

Support of this award by Astellas USA Foundation is gratefully acknowledged.

RESEARCH AWARD GLOSSARY

Indirect Costs: Costs that are necessary to support a particular activity project or program but that cannot be easily or directly attributed to such activity, project or program. Examples of indirect costs are rent, utilities, and administrative personnel.

Junior Faculty: Faculty at or below the rank of Assistant Professor for no more than four years at the time of the award.

Public Health Service (PHS) 398 Form and NIH Guidelines: The PHS 398 Form is the application form used to obtain federal grant support. According to NIH guidelines, the research plan should contain: title, specific aims, background and clinical significance, preliminary results, and methods. To access the PHS 398 Form via the Web, go to www.grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html.

APPLICATION FOR THE AASLD CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD IN LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use this form as a cover page. Print or type responses.
2. Include additional information and provide signatures as requested.
3. Include separate typed pages for all additional information using one-inch margins. Put your name (last name, first name) and the name of the award in the upper right-hand corner of each page. **Do not staple any part of the application package.**
4. **Send the original and 14 three-hole punched copies.** All documents should be addressed to AASLD, 1001 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314, Attention: Career Development Award.
5. Do not use lettering smaller than 10 point. (This sentence is 10 point.)
6. Assemble the application package in the order listed in the Required Documents section. Clearly label each piece of additional information.
7. Be sure to adhere to page limits. Applications that do not meet the requirements, in content or format, will not be reviewed.
8. Please note the award deadline. **Completed applications must be received by AASLD by 5:00 pm Eastern on September 2, 2008.** Faxed applications or applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant (last, first, middle initial)

AASLD Member Number

Degree(s) and year(s) granted

Current Position

Appointment Date (month & year)

Address

Telephone

Fax

Email

Sponsoring Institution

Sponsor (last, first, middle initial)

AASLD Member Number

Address

Telephone

Fax

Email

Project Title

APPLICABLE SIGNATURES

Note: Your signatures below indicate that the information in this application is accurate to the best of your knowledge and that you understand that AASLD guidelines do not allow for any indirect costs. Please type or print the full name and date next to each signature.

Applicant Signature

Date

Sponsor Signature (division/department head)

Date

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. **Applicant's Curriculum Vitae** – Provide a biographical sketch using the current PHS 398 Form (see glossary). **Limit to four pages.**
2. **Applicant's Research Proposal** – Prepare according to NIH guidelines: title, specific aims, background and clinical significance, preliminary results, and methods. The section on previous work should highlight the candidate's previous studies and his/her contribution to knowledge in this field. An appendix can include only relevant publications of the candidate. **Limit to eight pages, including any references.**
3. **Applicant Statement** – Describe the impact of this award on your career in liver transplantation. **Limit to two pages.**
4. **Sponsor Letter** – Letter should be provided by the applicant's sponsor, describing the applicant's qualifications and suitability for this award. **Limit to one page.**
5. **Program Director Letter** – Letter should be provided from program director or chief of the transplant center certifying that 50 percent or more of the applicant's available time is devoted to clinical transplantation or transplant-related science. **Limit to one page.**
6. **Institutional Review Board** – If human subjects are to be used, verification of IRB approval of the proposed research in the applicant's institution should be provided prior to the award being granted. All human studies require IRB approval. If IRB approval is not necessary or not attached, please state why. **Limit to one page.**

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