National Psoriasis Foundation Psoriatic Disease Research Fellowships
2017 Application Guidelines

Introduction:
The National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF) is pleased to announce the availability of the Psoriatic Disease Research Fellowship program for the academic year 2017-18. The program provides support to eligible institutions to develop and enhance the opportunities for physicians training for research careers in dermatology, rheumatology, pediatric dermatology, and pediatric rheumatology. Priority consideration will be given to applications that advance psoriatic disease research.

Applications must be submitted through our online application portal by following the link at www.psoriasis.org/fellowship. Complete applications must be submitted by 5 P.M. Pacific Time on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Please carefully review all requirements for application submission on the following pages. If you have any questions regarding the application process, contact Research Programs Coordinator Samantha Klingman at research@psoriasis.org.

Eligibility:
Department chairs and fellowship/residency program directors at institutions in the United States with fellowship programs may nominate one fellow per application. Multiple applications may be filed if an institution wishes to nominate more than one fellow, however only one application per fellow may be submitted. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- The nominated fellow cannot be expected to be a faculty member during the effective dates of the fellowship.
- The research project is focused on psoriatic disease.
- The grants are for non-ACGME-accredited fellowship programs. NPF Research Fellows cannot be in a residency program during the award period.
- NPF Research Fellows are expected to devote at least 75 percent of their effort to research during the award period.
- NPF Research Fellowships are primarily intended for those who already hold the M.D. Applications to support exceptionally promising medical students for a year of research will be accepted, but priority in making awards will be given to those already holding the M.D.

Review:
Applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of leaders in dermatology and rheumatology. Fellowship award recipients will be selected based on the strengths of the program, project, mentor, and fellow.
Award:
Fellowship program award funding will be paid to the institution. Fellowship awardees will receive a maximum of $50,000 to support their fellowship stipend. Institutions are to certify that funds will be applied toward stipend, salary and fringe benefits only, and not to be used for any indirect costs. Funds are non-renewable but consecutive applications to support the same fellow for multiple years are allowed.

Timeline:

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<td>Notification of 2017 Fellowship Awards</td>
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Format:
The online application portal will take you to a form that is to be completed by fellowship/residency program directors. This form will ask for general information about the program, mentor, and fellow. The following six (6) items should be uploaded as individual pdfs in the specified fields:

1. **Cover letter from fellowship or residency program director**

Your cover letter must include all of the following information and supporting documentation. Failure to submit complete information may result in your application being ineligible for review.

- Request NPF support for the fellowship on institution letterhead, signed by the department chair and/or fellowship/residency program director.
- Indicate that the fellowship program is non-ACGME- accredited.
- Include the effective dates of the fellowship term (e.g., July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).
- Identify whether the mentor for the fellow is on the faculty of an accredited medical school, in good standing, is board-certified in dermatology or rheumatology and qualified to supervise/train the fellow.
- Indicate if the fellowship program includes appropriate proficiency testing or an evaluative process.
- Provide a brief summary (1-2 pages) of the fellow nominee’s project or research area.
2. **Detailed budget**

- Using the budget template, which will be available for download online, provide a breakdown of the stipend, including all direct costs such as fellow salary, fringe benefits, medical malpractice coverage, etc.
- Requests cannot exceed the net anticipated costs of the fellowship based on (1) all direct costs of sponsoring the fellowship (e.g., fellow’s salary, benefits and medical malpractice coverage) and (2) all direct revenues expected to be generated by the fellow (e.g., Medicare Graduate Medical Education payments, other graduate medical education payments attributable to the fellow, and any professional billing revenues generated by the fellow to the charity’s or affiliate’s benefit).
- The fellowship cannot be used to underwrite the ordinary operating costs of a qualified recipient, which includes indirect costs of the fellowship/residency program. University overhead charges and fees are considered indirect costs.

3. **Curriculum vitae or NIH Biosketch (not to exceed five pages) required from the following individuals:**

- Mentor
- Fellow nominee

4. **Letter of endorsement from mentor**

Provide a letter of endorsement from the mentor of the nominated fellow. Include a description of how the mentor will support the fellow.

5. **Update on previous fellows (if applicable)**

If your fellowship program was awarded an NPF Fellowship in 2015 or 2016, please give a brief (one page) description of the outcomes of previous NPF fellowships including publications, presentations and academic positions obtained by the fellow.

6. **Program information**

Provide a written description of the fellowship program along with any other existing promotional information that describes the established accredited program.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** January 18, 2017