AGA-R. Robert & Sally Funderburg Research Award in Gastric Cancer

Description
This award provides $50,000 per year for two years (total $100,000) to an established investigator working on novel approaches in gastric cancer research, including the fields of gastric mucosal cell biology; regeneration and regulation of cell growth (not as they relate to peptic ulcer disease or repair); inflammation (including Helicobacter pylori) as precancerous lesions; genetics of gastric carcinoma; oncogenes in gastric epithelial malignancies; epidemiology of gastric cancer; etiology of gastric epithelial malignancies; or clinical research in the diagnosis or treatment of gastric carcinoma.

Objective
The overall objective of this award is to support an established investigator in the field of gastric biology whose research will enhance the fundamental understanding of gastric cancer pathobiology in order to ultimately prevent or develop a cure for the disease. Applications that do not denote a gastric biology focus and are not responsive to this announcement will not be submitted for review.

Eligibility
- Candidates for this award must hold a full-time faculty position at an accredited North American institution and must be established as an independent investigator in the field of gastric biology.
- AGA membership is required at the time of application submission. Please visit www.gastro.org or call 301-654-2055, extension 651, for membership information.
- Women and minority investigators are strongly encouraged to apply.

Requirements
- A letter of recommendation should be provided by the division chief or chair of the department of medicine and should outline support of the candidate and his/her research program.
- Funds are to be used for the salary support, equipment and supplies of the investigator to promote his/her research. Indirect costs are not allowed.
- Upon receipt of award notification, the recipient must provide institutional approval from the appropriate committee for use of human subjects or animals. If approval is not necessary, the recipient must provide an explanation.
- Annually, a one-page plain language progress report, a scientific progress report, a financial report and a list of publications based on the research must be submitted by the award recipient on or before Jan. 31. Second year funding is contingent upon submission of this documentation.
- All publications, presentations and abstracts arising from work funded by this program must acknowledge support from the AGA-R. Robert & Sally D. Funderburg Research Award in Gastric Cancer.

Award Overlap
If a candidate is granted the award and notified of a comparable award from another agency prior to the first payment of this award, the applicant must select one of the two awards. (i.e. the recipient may not retain both awards).
Selection Criteria
The recipient will be selected based on novelty, feasibility and significance of the proposal. Preference will be given to novel approaches.

Review Process
A selection committee composed of members of the AGA Research Awards Panel will review the proposals and determine the award recipient. Funding will commence in January 2015.

Application Process
The application deadline for this award is Aug. 29. To download the award application, please visit www.gastro.org/research/find-funding. The completed application, letters of support or commitment, and other documents, as applicable, must be combined into and submitted as one PDF document. The document must be titled by the applicant's last name and first initial only. Hard copies are not accepted. Please email the application document to awards@gastro.org. Direct all questions to the research awards manager via telephone at 301-222-4012 or email at awards@gastro.org. For more information about this award and other research funding opportunities, visit the AGA Web site at www.gastro.org/research/find-funding.

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