



## Application Instructions

# 2019 Psoriatic Disease Research Fellowships

### Introduction:

The National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF) is pleased to announce the availability of the Psoriatic Disease Research Fellowship program for the academic year 2019-20. 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](http://www.psoriasis.org/fellowship). Complete applications must be submitted by **5 P.M. Pacific Time on Friday, January 18, 2019**. Please carefully review all requirements for application submission on the following pages. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please email us at [research@psoriasis.org](mailto:research@psoriasis.org).

### Eligibility:

Psoriatic Disease Research Fellowships may take place at any institution with an eligible fellowship program. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- The fellow cannot be expected to be a faculty member during the project period.
- The research project must be focused on psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis.
- Fellowship programs must be non-ACGME-accredited.
- The fellow cannot be in a residency program during the project period.
- The fellow must devote at least 75% of their effort to research during the project period.
- Fellowships are primarily intended for those who already hold an M.D., however applications to support exceptionally promising medical students will be accepted.
- The fellow need not be a United States citizen and the fellowship need not take place in the United States.

### 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:

Jan. 18, 2019	Application deadline
April 12, 2019	Notification of 2019 Fellowship Awards
July 1, 2019	Project period begins

### Format:

The online application portal will take you to a form that is to be completed by the fellowship mentor. 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. Letter from fellowship program director

This 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.
- Identify whether the mentor for the fellowship 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.

#### 2. Letter of endorsement from mentor

Provide a letter of endorsement from the mentor of the nominated fellow. Include an overall description of the fellowship program and a description of how the mentor will support the fellow.

*If the fellowship mentor is also the fellowship program director, then a single letter may be provided to satisfy both 1 and 2, above*

#### 3. Detailed budget

- Using the budget template, 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.

**4. NIH-style biosketch (not to exceed five pages) from the following individuals:**

- Fellowship mentor
- Fellow nominee

**5. Research project information**

Provide a project title and brief summary of the proposed research project to be undertaken during the Fellowship. This summary should take the form of a specific aims page as would be provided with an NIH grant application (not to exceed one page).

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