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American Thyroid Association Research Grants – Deadline: January 31, 2008

Call for Proposals: American Thyroid Association Research Grants

The American Thyroid Association (ATA) is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support New Investigator initiated research projects in the area of thyroid function and disease. Topics may include, but are not limited to, clinical thyroidology, thyroid autoimmunity, thyroid and the brain, thyroid hormone action and metabolism, and thyroid cell biology. Research awards are intended to assist new investigators to obtain preliminary data for submission of a more substantial application (to the NIH, for example). Research grants, up to \$25,000 annually, will be awarded for two year terms, based on receipt and review of a satisfactory progress report from funded investigators in the fourth quarter of the first year of funding.

Guidelines for All Research Grant Proposals: As mentioned above, research awards are targeted for funding of new investigators to obtain preliminary data for submission of a more substantial application (to the NIH, for example).

Eligibility of Applicant and Use of Funds Guidelines:

- 1) New investigators are individuals who are less than 6 years from completion of their post-doctoral fellowship and have never been a PI on an NIH RO1 or equivalent grant (recipients of NIH R29, R21 and KO8 awards are eligible).
- 2) Faculty members (M.D. and Ph.D.) are eligible.
- 3) Postdoctoral fellows are eligible if their department provides written confirmation that at the time of the award the applicant will have a junior faculty position. Students working towards a Ph.D. are not eligible.
- 4) Senior investigators and individuals who have previously received ATA, ThyCa or THANC awards are not eligible. In general investigators who have achieved the rank of Associate Professor or higher are not eligible.
- 5) Applications are limited to one per individual researcher.
- 6) The funds can be used for direct costs associated with the proposal, including technician's salary, supplies or equipment, but not for PI's salary.
- 7) Recipients of ATA grants should be ATA members, or must apply to become ATA members. For new members, membership dues for the first year will be waived.

Proposal Requirements: By January 31, 2008, interested investigators should submit a brief description of the proposed research. Each proposal must include:

1. Name and affiliation of applicant
2. Title of proposed study
3. Proposal (no longer than 900 words or three double-spaced pages in 12 point type): Note that the space requirements are absolute and nonconformance will preclude review.
 - Background to the project
 - Hypothesis and/or outline of proposed studies
 - Outline of methodology
 - Anticipated results and implications
 - A short statement of how the grant will aid the applicant
 - References (selected)
4. An NIH-style CV (no longer than two pages) including evidence that the applicant is a New Investigator (see above), namely date of completion of postdoctoral training and current grant support (if any). In the case of postdoctoral fellows, written confirmation from the department chair must be provided that the applicant will had a junior faculty position at the time of the award. **Note: Without a suitable CV, applications will not be considered**

Electronic Submission: Proposals should be submitted electronically through the Research Grant Application feature on the ATA website, www.thyroid.org. A hard copy should be sent priority overnight to: American Thyroid Association, 6066 Leesburg Pike, Suite 550, Falls Church, VA 22041.

Grant Review: The ATA Research Committee will rank proposals according to their scientific merit. Authors of selected proposals will be notified by early March and invited to submit complete grant applications.