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American Thyroid Association (ATA) Call for Research Grants Proposals Deadline: Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Electronic Submission: Submit the proposal electronically through the research grant application feature on the ATA website www.thyroid.org starting in December 2016.

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 Disorders of Thyroid Function, Iodine Uptake and Metabolism, Pediatric Thyroidology, Thyroid Autoimmunity, Thyroid Cancer, Thyroid Hormone Effect and Metabolism, Thyroid Hormone in Development and the Brain, Thyroid Imaging, Thyroid Nodules and Goiter, Thyroid and Pregnancy. Research awards are intended to assist new investigators, US or international, in obtaining preliminary data for submission of a more substantial application (e.g. to the National Institutes of Health (NIH)). Research grants, up to \$25,000 annually, plus 15% for indirect costs for a total of \$28,750 will be awarded for up to two year terms. The 2nd year funding is contingent on review of a satisfactory progress report submitted by the funded investigators in the 4th 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 (e.g., to the NIH). Interested investigators should submit a brief description of the proposed research by Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

Research Grant Review: The ATA Research Committee will rank proposals according to their scientific merit. Authors of selected proposals will be notified by April 2017 and invited to submit a full grant proposal to be submitted in May 2017. Grant recipients will be notified by June 2017. Please contact ATA Thyroid Research Grant Staff (research@thyroid.org) for questions.

Eligibility of Applicant and Use of Funds Guidelines:

1. Individuals must be new investigators that are less than 6 years from completion of their post-doctoral fellowship and have never been a Principal Investigator (PI) on an NIH RO1 or equivalent grant (recipients of NIH R29, R21 and KO8 awards are eligible). Those who have a fellowship end date prior to 2011 are not eligible.
2. 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.
3. Students working towards an MD or a PhD are not eligible, except for the Medullary Thyroid Cancer grants, where trainees, including postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, clinical fellows, and residents are eligible. However, a mentor or Faculty member is required.
4. Faculty members (MD and PhD) are eligible; however, those investigators who have reached the rank of associate professor or higher are not eligible.
5. Investigators (not a mentor) who have received ATA, ThyCa or THANC awards are not eligible.
6. Applications are limited to one per individual researcher.
7. The funds can be used for direct costs associated with the proposal, including technician's salary, supplies or equipment but not for salary of PI's or mentor.
8. Applicants and mentor must apply for complimentary membership by April 2017 or be an ATA member (paid through 12/31/2017). New applicants should select "Research Grant Applicant" when asked "How did you hear about the ATA" on ATA membership application.

Eligibility of Applicant for MTC Grant

1. For the MTC grants, trainees, including postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, clinical fellows, and residents, are also eligible in addition to Faculty member. Postdoctoral fellows do not need a letter from department (see Eligibility #2).
2. A mentor of Faculty member is required and mentor, who receive ATA research grant in the same cycle, is not eligible as a mentor.

Proposal Requirements:

1. Cover Letter
2. Grant Proposal (A short proposal no longer than 900 words and no more than three double-spaced pages in 12-point type with 1" margins. **Include:** Title of proposed study · Background of 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 · Selected References (up to 4)
3. CV (NIH-style – up to 4 pages) for PI. The CV should include evidence that the applicant is a new investigator with date of completion of postdoctoral training and current grant support (if any). In the case of current fellows, written confirmation that the applicant will have a junior faculty position at the time of the award must be provided from the department chair (see Eligibility #2). In the case of current students applying, their mentor/Faculty member's CV should be submitted as well which should also include current grant support (see Eligibility #3).