



## **American Thyroid Association (ATA) Call for Thyroid Research Grant Proposals**

### **Deadline: Monday, January 28, 2019**

The American Thyroid Association (ATA) is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support new investigator initiated research projects in the areas of thyroid function, thyroid disease, and thyroid cancer. 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 targeted for funding of new investigators, US or international, and intended to assist in obtaining preliminary data for submission of a more substantial application (e.g. to the National Institutes of Health (NIH)). Eligible investigators interested in applying should review the information below and submit a proposal by **January 28, 2019**.

**Submission Information:** Research proposals can be submitted electronically starting in early December 2018 through **Monday, January 28, 2019**. The research grant submission site can be accessed through the ATA's website [thyroid.org/professionals/research-grants](http://thyroid.org/professionals/research-grants).

**Research Grant Award:** Research grants, up to \$25,000 annually, will be awarded for up to two year terms. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year funding is contingent on review of a satisfactory progress report submitted by the investigators in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the first year of funding. The funds can be used for direct costs associated with the proposal, including technician's salary, supplies or equipment but not for the PI or mentor's salary. It is the policy of the ATA that no indirect cost recovery (ICR) is granted and that all funds are direct costs only. Applicants from institutions must obtain a waiver of ICR to receive funding. Applications are limited to one per individual researcher.

#### **Eligibility of Applicant:**

1. Investigators must be one of the following:

- a. **New investigator** that is less than 6 years from first independent position. Faculty members (MD and PhD) are eligible; however, those investigators who have reached the rank of Associate Professor (or foreign equivalent) or higher are not eligible
- b. **Fellow** that is graduating within this year if their institution can provide a written confirmation that the applicant will have a junior faculty position by July 2019. A letter must be submitted with the short proposal.
- c. **Trainee applying for MTC Grant with Supervising Mentor/Faculty.** Trainees (postdoctoral fellows, residents, or students working towards an MD or a PhD) that are applying for a medullary thyroid cancer grant with a supervising mentor or faculty member are eligible. A mentor/faculty member's Curriculum Vitae must be submitted with a short proposal. A mentor/faculty supervisor is not eligible to receive more than one thyroid research grant in the same cycle.

2. Individuals who have been a Principal Investigator (PI) on an NIH RO1 (or equivalent grant) and/or that have received an ATA, ThyCa or BMC research grant are not eligible. Recipients of NIH R29, R21 and KO8 awards are eligible.

3. Applicants must apply for ATA membership by April 2019 or be an ATA member (through 12/31/19). New applicants are eligible for complimentary membership their first year. Select "Research Grant Applicant" when asked "How did you hear about the ATA?" when applying.

#### **Submission Requirements:**

1. Cover Letter addressed to the ATA Research Committee
2. Grant Proposal – A short proposal no longer than 900 words that includes: background of the project, hypothesis and/or outline of proposed studies, outline of methodology, anticipated results and implications and a short statement of how the grant will aid the applicant.
3. Investigator's Curriculum Vitae ([NIH-style preferred](#)) – The CV should include evidence that the applicant is a new investigator/fellow/trainee with professional education dates, postdoctoral training dates, and current grant support (if any).
4. \*Fellows that are eligible under eligibility category 1b must provide written confirmation that the applicant will have a junior faculty position by July 2019 from the institution/department chair.
5. \*Trainees that are eligible under eligibility category 1c must provide their mentor/faculty member's CV and include current grant support.

**Research Grant Review:** The ATA Research Committee will review and rank proposals according to their scientific merit. Authors of selected proposals will be notified by March 2019 and invited to submit a full grant proposal to be submitted in April 2019. Grant recipients will be notified by June 2019. Please contact ATA Thyroid Research Grant Staff ([research@thyroid.org](mailto:research@thyroid.org)) for questions.