

Programs

Unrestricted Grants

Important Notes

Applicants are strongly advised to read the [instructions](#) and [eligibility criteria](#) before starting an application.

Letters of Intent (LOI) are available on the [Foundant Technologies Website](#).

You **must be invited** to submit a full application.

Anticipated Timeline

Monday, July 17, 2023	Letter of Intent Period Opens
Tuesday, September 11, 2023	Deadline for Letter of Intent due by 11:59 PM EST
Tuesday, November 21, 2023	Invitation from Scientific Grant Review Committee for Full Applications
Monday, January 8, 2024	Full Application Deadline by 11:59 PM EST
March 2024	Grantee Notification
May 2024	Grant Start Date



ATS Unrestricted Research Grants

5 grants available
\$40,000 for 1 year

Target audience:
Early-stage investigators interested in basic science, translational, or clinical research in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine

The focus of these unrestricted research grants is to support [early-stage investigators](#) interested in research that advances the knowledge and understanding of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. A primary goal of the ATS Research Program is to enable early-stage investigators the chance to make the transition to careers as established investigators.

The Research Program encourages international and domestic applications in basic, patient-oriented, and public health topics. In the area of public health, the Research Program is particularly interested in funding projects that will inform health policy decisions. These include projects that explore the quality and safety of a specific treatment and compare the effectiveness of different therapies.

The ATS Research Program will award up to five unrestricted research grants for \$40,000 for one year for salaries, supplies, or a combination of these two. Indirect costs will not be paid to the sponsoring institution. The Research Program will award one grant to the top scores in each of the three society pillars: pulmonary, critical care, and sleep.* The remaining grants will be awarded to the top scores regardless of the category of submission.

Award-specific eligibility:

- Early-stage investigators ([as defined here](#)).
- Must meet eligibility requirements for all grants found [here](#)

**While it is intended that there be one award in each pillar (pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine), the ATS Scientific Grant Review Committee (SGRC) reserves the right to alter this distribution dependent upon the significant scientific merit of applications.*

Review Process

Please note that after you submit your application it will be reviewed by Research Program staff. If there are any problems or if these guidelines have not been followed, your proposal will be un-submitted. Please make sure that you check your email after you submit your application so that any outstanding issues may be addressed as quickly as possible.

The ATS Scientific Grant Review Committee (SGRC)* will review the applications at the end of February 2023. The membership of the SGRC is listed on the ATS Website and additional *ad hoc* reviewers will be invited to participate as needed. Funding decisions will be made on the basis of scientific merit, novelty, and responsiveness to the purpose of the specific grant program.

**previously known as the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)*

ATS Policy on Additional Grant Funding

Simultaneous submission of grants with scientific overlap is allowed, but if multiple applications are funded, then the applicant must notify the Research Program within one month of formal notification of award. A subcommittee of the SGRC will assess the degree of overlap. In the case of significant scientific overlap, the applicant will have to choose between the ATS research grant and the other grant. Budgetary overlap is not allowed.

If your question is not answered in the [FAQ](#), contact the ATS Research Program at researchprogram@thoracic.org.



The American Thoracic Society improves global health by advancing research, patient care, and public health in pulmonary disease, critical illness, and sleep disorders. Founded in 1905 to combat TB, the ATS has grown to tackle asthma, COPD, lung cancer, sepsis, acute respiratory distress, and sleep apnea, among other diseases.

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