



Grant and Fellowships Program

Early Career Research Grants

Request for Applications

The National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF) is seeking grant applications from postdoctoral researchers or other researchers in similarly mentored trainee-level positions interested in conducting projects focused on psoriatic disease. The goal of this award is to support scientists at this challenging early career stage and to welcome them into the collaborative community of scientists, clinicians, and patients involved with NPF research.

Review of projects prioritizes applications proposing thoughtful research aims accompanied by training plans consistent with the goal of nurturing successful entry and career commitment to psoriatic disease research. Investigators with independent research programs are invited to consider application to the NPF Discovery award program.

Recipients of this award are expected to be able to compete for future funding through NPF Discovery or Translational Research Grants and go on to establish successful long-term careers conducting psoriatic disease research.

Applications related to all aspects of psoriatic disease are strongly encouraged. The funded portfolio features contributions to basic sciences, as well as technology development, public health, and clinical research questions. Prospective applicants are encouraged to review recent publications and reports identifying research gaps and priorities in psoriatic disease research. The National Psoriasis Foundation [FY25-29 Strategic Plan](#) offers additional thematic areas prioritized by clinical, research, and patient stakeholders. Prospective applicants are invited to cite this document as appropriate in their applications.

- I. **Budget:** Applicants may request up to \$50,000 (**direct costs only**) per year.
- II. **Project Period:** The project period for this Request for Proposals is **one year**, from **August 1, 2026 – July 31, 2027**.
- III. **Eligibility:** The applicant must be personally and actively responsible for the conduct of the proposed research at a traditional non-profit academic or governmental training program. Eligible applicants should have received an advanced clinical or research degree (e.g., MD, PhD, RN, DPhil DO, or similar degree) and should be employed in a trainee-level position with no more than five (5) years of experience in that position. The applicant is not required to be a United States citizen, and the research is not required to be executed in the United States.
- IV. **Important Dates:** Applications must be received by **FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026, at 5 P.M. EST**. Award notifications are anticipated by **JUNE 30**.
- V. **Application Information:** Application instructions can be found on ProposalCental and require a project proposal formatted according to the NPF instructions provided.
- VI. **Letters of Support:** As a mentored program, a Letter of Support is required from the applicant's mentor. This letter must include a description of both the applicant's qualifications and a detailed description of the training plan that the mentor has designed for the applicant.