

SSCD-BEYOND CELIAC Early Career Research Award

Description

The Society for the Study of Celiac Disease (SSCD) is seeking applications for its 2019-21 SSCD-BEYOND CELIAC Early Career Research Award. The Award consists of a two-year grant of up to \$75,000 annually, which cannot include indirect costs. Its objective is to attract exceptionally promising early career academic investigators to the field of celiac disease research. The Award is intended to support a research project on a basic, translational, or clinical topic with the potential to transform the understanding and/or management of celiac disease.

Eligibility

Applicants must have a PhD or MD (or equivalent) and completed their training (including specialty Fellowships) within 10 years of the application deadline. They must hold a full-time position at a North American academic institution and the research is to be conducted in a North American institution. A parental leave of absence or military service that is appropriately documented is not counted toward the 10-year criteria. Individuals holding a career development award (e.g., NIH K series or other federal or non-federal career development award) are eligible. However, the proposed research should be an extension of or departure from the aims proposed in the career development award. Membership in the SSCD is required at the time of application and throughout the term of the grant.

Submission Requirements

Candidates must submit a complete application, as detailed below, in a single PDF file.

- Proposals must not exceed five (5) pages (excluding references). Proposal preparation according to NIH-form SF 424 (R&R) guidelines is strongly recommended.
- The candidate's NIH-style biosketch must be provided and cannot exceed five (5) pages.
- A letter from the candidate's Department Chair or Division Chief must be included in the application. This letter should verify the candidate's eligibility and must describe the resources available to the candidate.

A budget must be provided. Funding requests may include:

- Personnel (e.g., research assistant and/or faculty salary support; this should include a percentage of effort for the proposed study with appropriate justification)
- Supplies and reagents
- > Expenses associated with research involving animals or human subjects



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Funding will not be provided for:

- Travel
- Indirect costs

Awards made in response to proposals involving research on vertebrate animals and/or human subjects will be contingent upon receipt of copies of approval letters from the requisite regulatory bodies.

Duration of funding: Two years. Unexpended funds must be returned to SSCD at the end of the research period.

An interim progress report must be submitted to SSCD and BEYOND CELIAC after the first year of support. This report is due within 30 days of the end of the first research year. A final progress report must be submitted to SSCD and BEYOND CELIAC within 90 days of conclusion of the project and must include a financial statement from the institutional grants or accounting office. The awardee will present at a BEYOND CELIAC meeting at the end of the two-year award period. The cost for this participation will be borne by BEYOND CELIAC.

All publications arising from this award must include the following statement "This research was supported by an SSCD-BEYOND CELIAC Early Career Research Award to [candidate]."

Selection Criteria

The primary criteria for the Award include the scientific merit of the proposal and the investigator's qualifications. Additional criteria include the environment of the host institution and the availability of resources judged essential for the success of the proposed research.

Submission Deadline

The application deadline is **5:00 PM CT** on <u>Friday, January 18, 2019</u>. The application and all supporting material must be submitted electronically in the requested format to <u>info@theceliacsociety.org</u>. Questions about the grant application process may be submitted to <u>info@theceliacsociety.org</u>.

Grant Award Announcement

Grant recipients will be announced no later than **Friday, February 15, 2019** Awardees will be notified via email.

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