The National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF) is seeking grant applications from graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and researchers at similar 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, with particular interest in fostering an increased representation of underrepresented individuals within the research community. Ultimately, recipients of this award are expected to be in a position 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, including basic science, translational research, technology, epidemiology, health services, and clinical research. Prospective applicants are encouraged to review recent publications and reports identifying research gaps and priorities in psoriatic disease research.

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, 2021 – July 31, 2022.

III. **Eligibility:** The applicant must be personally and actively responsible for the conduct of the proposed research. Eligible applicants include graduate students dedicating at least 50% of their time to research, postdoctoral researchers, fellows, graduate students, and other trainee level positions. The applicant need not be a United States citizen and the research need not take place in the United States.

IV. **Important Dates:** Applications must be received by WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13, 2021 at 5 P.M. PST. Award notifications are anticipated by JUNE 30, 2021.

V. **Application Information:** Early Career Research Grant applications require a project proposal that includes specific aims, background and significance, preliminary data, and experimental design. The application along with all related forms can be found at [https://www.psoriasis.org/early-career-research-grants/](https://www.psoriasis.org/early-career-research-grants/).

Psoriatic disease doesn’t discriminate. The NPF advocates for improved access to care and meaningful access to treatments. We support research and clinical trials focused on addressing health disparities and treating BIPOC. Applications should take into consideration representation of diverse population in all aspects of research, study team, and study participants/enrollees.

For more information on 2021 Early Career Research Grants, please visit: [https://www.psoriasis.org/early-career-research-grants/](https://www.psoriasis.org/early-career-research-grants/)