Applications must be submitted through the ProposalCentral online application portal no later than 5 P.M. PACIFIC TIME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023.

- Application forms must be completed by the fellowship mentee.
- All other application materials (below) must be submitted via web pages or PDF upload on the “References and Supporting Attachments” page.
- If you are re-applying for Psoriatic Disease Research Fellowship support, you will have the opportunity to identify as a resubmission on the application form. It is required that you address reviewer comments from your previous submission in a cover letter.

You will have the ability to revisit your application multiple times before submitting and are encouraged to familiarize yourself with the online form before filling it in.

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

Application forms require applicant, project, institutional, and optional demographic information.

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL LAYMAN’S STATEMENT AND SUMMARY FIGURE

Summarize the proposed research for a non-scientific audience in a written statement accompanied by one summary figure. The statement should describe the research question, the aims of the project, and the project’s significance. Layman’s statement must not exceed 1200 characters, including spaces. Please upload summary figure on the “References and Supporting Attachments” page.

Please note, non-confidential Lay Abstract information will be utilized for marketing and fund-raising purposes, if awarded.

B. SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACT

Summarize the proposed research for a scientific audience. Abstract must not exceed 2100 characters, including spaces.

C. NPF MISSION STATEMENT

Please summarize how your project will support the NPF (National Psoriasis Foundation) mission to drive efforts to cure psoriatic disease and improve the lives of those affected. Mission statement must not exceed 750 characters, including spaces.

D. CAREER DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT

Please summarize how your project will assist you in advancing your career goals. Career development statement must not exceed 1500 characters, including spaces.

E. ORGANIZATIONAL ASSURANCES

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Please include all human subjects and/or vertebrate animal assurances. Please note, this information will be utilized to track appropriate IRB/IACUC approval prior to the award period. **IRB/IACUC approval should be initiated prior to the award date so as to not delay the project start date.**

**F. BUDGET PERIOD DETAIL AND JUSTIFICATION**

Provide a detailed budget based on NIH (National Institutes of Health) budget categories. Each fellowship is limited to **$50,000 for one year**. Provide a breakdown of the stipend, including all direct costs such as fellow salary and fringe benefits. **Direct costs only.**

Requests cannot exceed the net anticipated costs of the fellowship based on (1) all direct costs of sponsoring the fellowship (e.g., fellow's salary, benefits, and medical malpractice coverage) and (2) all direct revenues expected to be generated by the fellow (e.g., Medicare Graduate Medical Education payments, other graduate medical education payments attributable to the fellow, and any professional billing revenues generated by the fellow to the charities or affiliate's benefit).

**REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS:**

Please upload application materials on the References and Supporting Attachments application tab via the blue "Attach Files" button. You will then be able to select which file type you are uploading from the drop-down menu. If you wish to submit multiple documents for a single field (e.g., multiple letters of support) you must combine these documents into a single PDF for upload.

**A. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**

Use the NIH format to provide a biographical sketch of the proposal’s fellowship mentor and nominee. **Each biographical sketch must not exceed 5 pages.**

**B. COVER LETTER**

Provide a letter introducing your project, describing why you are interested in the NPF fellowship program, and why the project being proposed will be of interest to the psoriatic disease patient community.

**C. LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT/MENTORSHIP PLAN FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MENTOR**

Provide a letter of endorsement from the mentor of the nominated fellow. Include an overall description of the fellowship program and should describe the mentorship between the mentor and mentee, evaluation process, and detail frequency of meetings between the nominee and mentor and plans for career trajectory growth. Please upload it on the “References and Supporting Attachments” page.

**D. LETTER FROM THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTOR** *If the fellowship mentor is also the fellowship program director, then a single letter may be provided to satisfy both C and D, above.*

This letter must include the following information and supporting documentation:

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I. Request NPF support for the fellowship on institution letterhead, signed by the department chair and/or fellowship/residency program director.

II. Identify whether the mentor for the fellowship is on the faculty of an accredited medical school, in good standing, is board-certified in dermatology or rheumatology and qualified to supervise/train the fellow.

III. Indicate if the fellowship program includes appropriate proficiency testing or an evaluative process.

E. RESEARCH PLAN

Research plans must be written by the proposed fellow but may include considerable review and feedback from the mentor. Research proposals must include Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Data/Studies, and Experimental Design.

Research Proposal Format:
- 5-page maximum, including figures and tables, but excluding references
- Minimum of 12-point font size
- Minimum of 1-inch margins
- Figures must be legible

F. REFERENCES

List of references cited.

OPTIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS:

A. LETTER OF SUPPORT

Applicants may use this space to provide optional letters of support from collaborators or supporting people/facilities/resources who will contribute to the proposed research.

Review Criteria:

Applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of leaders in dermatology and rheumatology. Fellowship award recipients will be selected based on the strength of criteria listed below. Please keep these criteria in mind as you prepare your application.

- Fellowship program
- Project
- Mentor
- Fellow

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