The National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF) is seeking applications from undergraduate and medical students interested in conducting a summer of research focused on psoriatic disease or related comorbidities. The goal is to foster the development of promising young scientists who will go on to become bench researchers or clinician scientists focused on improving the lives of those living with psoriatic disease.

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 identifying research gaps and priorities in psoriatic disease research to identify relevant research topics.

I. **Budget Period:** Successful applicants will receive $4,000 to support salary/stipend and $1,000 to support project related expenses. **Direct costs only.**

II. **Project Period:** The project period for this Request for Proposals is **ten weeks** to take place between May 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021.

III. **Eligible Respondents and Program Requirements:**

The applicant must:
- Be a student enrolled as either an undergraduate or medical student for the duration of the award.
- Have the endorsement of an investigator willing to host the student in their lab.
- Be committed to conducting a summer research project focused on psoriatic disease or related comorbidities.
- **Need not** be a United States citizen and the research **need not** take place in the United States.

The supervisor must:
- Be capable of mentoring the applicant during the proposed study period.
- Hold a MD, PhD, DO or equivalent degree.
- Be affiliated with an institution that is capable of administering the internship.
- Have an active interest in psoriatic disease research.
- **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, JANUARY 13, 2021 at 5 P.M. PST.** Award notifications are anticipated by **APRIL 15, 2021.**

V. **Application Information:** Applications include specific aims describing the work to be completed during the award period and letter of endorsement form the supervisor. The application along with all related forms can be found at https://www.psoriasis.org/summer-student-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 Summer Student Research Grants, please visit: https://www.psoriasis.org/summer-student-research-grants/.