



2020 AASLD FOUNDATION BRIDGE AWARD

Application Deadlines:

Note: The AASLD Foundation is offering the Bridge Award for two different award funding cycles in 2020.

Application Cycle	Deadline	Award Period
Cycle I	October 5, 2019	February 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021
Cycle II	January 15, 2020	May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021

Award Amount: \$100,000

Description

The purpose of this award is to support investigators who have recently submitted an NIH R or other federally-funded equivalent award and have received competitive scores on their proposal, but were not funded, as they strengthen their proposal for resubmission to the NIH or other federal agency. Applicant must not have other federal funding or significant institutional bridge funding (greater than \$25,000, excluding PI salary support).

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for this award, the applicant must adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1) Applicant must have a faculty appointment at or below the rank of Associate Professor.
- 2) If funded, at least 20% effort will be devoted to the research project on which this application is based.
- 3) The applicant must be a member of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) at the time of award application and maintain active membership for the duration of the award period.
- 4) Applicant must be sponsored by a public or private, non-profit institution accredited in the United States, Canada or Mexico engaged in health care and health-related research. The funded research project must be conducted at the sponsoring institution within the United States, Canada or Mexico.
- 5) Applicant must have submitted their highly scored NIH R or other federal equivalent application within the last 12 months as of the application deadline. The applicant must be able to provide their Summary Statements and their submitted award materials on Standard Forms SF424 (R&R).
- 6) Applicant does not **currently** hold other similar research awards. Applicants who hold other research awards (including but not limited to NIH K or R funding; VA Merit Review Grant or Career Development Award; AGA Research Scholar Award; Glaxo Institute of Digestive Health Award; American Liver Foundation Liver Scholar Award, etc.) **during the award period** are not eligible.
- 7) Applicant may only apply for one (1) AASLD Foundation (AASLDF) award per application cycle.

Award Details

Awards of \$100,000 will be provided over one year. Funds may only be used for *salary support (PI salary support limited to \$20,000)* or for *technical support/laboratory supplies* (excluding capital equipment) for the recipient. No indirect costs, registration fees, or travel costs are provided. It is expected that additional funds are available to the investigator in order to carry out the proposed research.

Awards cannot be transferred to another institution without prior written approval from AASLD Foundation. Recipients must acknowledge the award in all publications (abstracts, manuscripts, or other documents) resulting from research performed during the tenure of this award.

This grant is intended as bridge support. If the application is funded by the NIH/equivalent during the AASLD Foundation Bridge Award period, the applicant must notify AASLD Foundation and any unspent funds at the start of the other award must be returned to AASLD Foundation.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based upon their background, their priority score and summary statement critique, and their strategy to address comments in the critique/summary statement. Priority will be given to those seeking their first R01 award.

Applications will be reviewed based on the written materials submitted. **Incomplete applications and applications that fail to adhere strictly to the instructions (including the submission deadline and page limitations) will not be reviewed.** All decisions are final.

Reporting

Scientific progress and financial reports must be sent to AASLD Foundation within 60 days of completion of the award.

The Liver Meeting®

The award recipient is strongly encouraged to both attend and present their work at The Liver Meeting®.

Research Award Glossary

Collaborator: An individual who works with the principal investigator in the scientific development or execution of the project. This individual would typically devote a specific percent of effort to the project and would be identified as key personnel. The collaborator may be employed by or affiliated with either the grantee organization or an organization participating in the project under a consortium or contractual agreement.

Grant Administrator: The staff member who oversees new grant agreements and grant payments; ensure that grants comply with relevant laws and regulations; guarantees that all required reports are submitted; and administers the grant after award.

Indirect Costs: Costs that are necessary to support a particular activity project or program but that cannot be easily or directly attributed to such activity, project or program. Examples of indirect costs are rent, utilities, and administrative personnel.

Mentor: Senior professional who provide guidance, direction and support to the applicant. This person should have a vested interest in the career development and research experience of the applicant.

Standard Form 424 (Research & Related) Biosketch and NIH Guidelines: The SF424 (R&R) biosketch is the application form used to obtain federal grant support. According to NIH guidelines, the research plan should contain: title, specific aims, significance, innovation, and approach. To access the biosketch via the Web, go to <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm#biosketch> and select the General Blank Format Page under "Biosketches"

AASLD Foundation Bridge Award Instructions

1. Use pages 5-6 of this application as cover pages. Print or type responses.
2. Include only the required documents and provide signatures as requested.
3. Put your name (last name, first name) and the name of the award in the upper right-hand corner of each page.
4. Use half-inch margins. Do not use lettering smaller than 10 point.
5. Assemble the application package in the order listed in the Required Documents section below.
6. Be sure to adhere to page limits and complete all sections. Applications that do not meet the requirements, in content or format, will not be reviewed.
7. The completed application, letters of support or commitment, and other documents as applicable must be combined into and submitted as one PDF document. Name the PDF file as follows: 2020 Bridge - Last name, first name (*Example: 2020 Bridge – Smith, Jane*)

Submission

The application deadline for this award is **11:59 pm Eastern time, October 5, 2019 or January 15, 2020**. **Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.**

Submit your application at www.liverresearchawards.org. You will be sent an email confirmation that the application was received. If an email confirmation is not received in two (2) business days, please contact awards@asld.org to confirm receipt.

Required Documents

Submit only the documents listed below, using pages 5-6 as cover pages. Any additional documents (including letters of collaboration, additional letters of recommendation, or documents that exceed the stated page limitations) will be removed from consideration.

1. **Cover Pages and Required Signatures** – Complete all information on pages 5-6 and use as application cover pages.
2. **Applicant's Biosketch (Limit five pages)** – Provide a biographical sketch using the current SF424 Form (see glossary).
3. **Copy of the Originally Submitted Proposal** - This should include all components of the application, including the research and career plans, supporting documents, budget pages and other components.
4. **NIH/Other Federal Entity Summary Sheets** – including critique and priority score.
5. **Research Facilities (Limit three pages)** – The research environment should be described, including access to patients, laboratory space (if applicable), consultants and technical (including computer) resources.
6. **Research Support** – Accounting of all other institutional, federal and non-federal support is required. The NIH "Other Support" form should be used and is available through academic institutions' Office of Grants and Contracts. Include all funding available from collaborators and sponsors.
7. **Letter(s) of Collaboration/Support (if applicable, limit one page each)** - Letters of collaborative arrangements that are significant to the proposal may be included.
8. **Candidate's Statement (Limit four pages)** – The statement should outline the candidate's strategy and methods for responding to the NIH/equivalent critique that address concerns and will result in a resubmission during or immediately following AASLD Foundation Bridge funding. The statement should also contain an expected timeline for resubmission and what impact receiving the award would have on the applicant's research program and career.

9. **Budget and Budget Justification** – Using NIH P398 style budget, show budget and justification for AASLD Foundation Bridge Award. No indirect costs are allowed, and PI salary support must be limited to no more than \$20,000.
10. **Letter of Commitment from Department Chair (Limit one page)** – Letter should be provided from the head of the candidate’s department confirming that a minimum of 20% of the available time will be devoted to research activities on which this application is based during the award period.
11. **Institutional Review Board or IACUC Approval (Limit one page each)** – If human or animal subjects are to be used, verification of IRB or IACUC approval of the proposed research in the applicant’s institution must be provided prior to the award being granted, and applied for at time of award application. If IRB or IACUC approval is not necessary or not attached, please state why (limit one page).

Funding Notifications

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APPLICANT NAME:

SPONSORING INSTITUTION:

The applicant (check all that apply):

- Has a faculty appointment **at or below** the rank of Associate Professor.

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- I **will not** hold any of these awards during the award period.
- I **will** hold one or more of these awards during the award period.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant (last, first, middle initial)

AASLD Member Number

Project Title

NIH/Other Federal Agency Applied To

Funding Mechanism/Activity Code

Degree(s) and year(s) granted

Current Position

Appointment Date (month & year)

Address

Telephone

Email

Sponsoring Institution

Institution's Grants Administrator

Grants Administrator's Address

Grants Administrator's Phone

Grants Administrator's Email

Institution Fiscal Officer, if different (please print)

Required Signatures

NOTE: By signing below, you are certifying that the information in this application is accurate and that you understand that AASLDF guidelines do not allow for any indirect costs (e.g. facilities management and utilities; general-purpose or capital equipment; travel; memberships and dues; subscriptions/books/periodicals; etc.).

Signature of Applicant

Name

Date

Signature of Department Chair

Name

Date

Signature of Grants Administrator

Name

Date