



2026 MENTORSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Scientists-in-Training | Dermatology & Pathology Residents | Dermatopathology Fellows | Junior Faculty

PURPOSE: To enable young physicians, veterinarians, scientists (including MD, DVM, and PhD students), and medical students to develop a mentoring relationship with an established hair researcher in order for them to acquire additional academic or research skills that will further their careers as leaders in hair research.

The focus of the program is on establishing a mentoring relationship, and not a specific research project. Topics can range from working on a research project in progress (either the mentor's or the trainee's), learning a specific method (clinical or research), or doing an observership (clinical). Grants are intended for travel and lodging as needed to establish the mentoring relationship. Grants are not intended for costs associated with meeting attendance or for the purchase of books. The mentorship committee will not consider any budgeted costs other than travel and lodging. No food costs should be included in the budget.

The 3 grant categories are as follows:

1. Clinical
2. Basic science research
3. Other – e.g., industry rotation or other unique mentorship experience

IMPORTANT: *It is required that both Applicant and Mentor be a member of the American Hair Research Society to be eligible to apply for a Mentorship Grant. If you or your Mentor are not AHRS members, please apply for membership prior to submitting your Mentorship Grant application. The membership application can be found at: <https://americanhairresearchsociety.org/membership/>*

TIME PERIOD: The application deadline is **November 30, 2025**, for mentorships to occur March 2026-February 2027.

APPLICATION: Submit your application via the online portal:

<https://americanhairresearchsociety.org/mentorship-program-application/>

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications with all components must be submitted via the online portal. Items include:

1. Your contact information
2. Your category, e.g., dermatology resident, dermatopathology fellow, veterinary medicine student, etc.
3. Payment details should your grant application be successful
4. Mentor contact information
5. Mentorship Information including "Mentorship Focus/Title"
6. Mentorship Location, start and end dates
7. Grant category
8. Budget
9. Statement of purpose (300-500 words), to include:

- Description of your career goals
 - Description of the goal(s) of the proposed mentorship and any specific project planned
 - How you envision this mentorship will impact your future career in hair research
 - How the experience specifically will help prepare you to be a leader in hair research
10. Applicant's curriculum vitae (3-pages max)
11. A letter from the proposed mentor to include:
- A statement of willingness to provide the time necessary for this mentorship
 - Any significant and pertinent details of the planned mentorship
 - A specific mention of whether the time frame and budget are appropriate for the proposed mentorship
12. A letter from the department chair attesting to the applicant's character and potential to benefit from the mentorship

Please note: All required components of the application must be completed and/or uploaded by Nov. 30, 2025. There are no exceptions. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

TIPS FOR YOUR APPLICATION: Applying the following points will assist us to process your application.

- All submitted documents should be in PDF format.
- Letters from proposed mentors and department chairs should be written on their institutional letterhead and include the signature of the writer.
- Please include a direct contact phone number and email for yourself in your application. We will contact you via email and/or phone if we require further information. Please be alert to this and check your email inbox and spam folder regularly.

POST-MENTORSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Grant awardees are required to complete the following post-mentorship items.

1. **Submit a one-page summary of your experience** to the AHRS Mentorship Committee within one month of completion of your mentorship. This need not be a scientific paper; rather, it should comment on the usefulness of the experience to your interest in hair research and career goals. Please include a photo of you and your mentor. Your summary and photo will be posted on the AHRS website and may be used in future promotional materials of the program.
2. **Based on your mentorship category:**
 - a. **Clinical grant awardees:** Must present a 5-minute summary of the mentorship project at the following AHRS luncheon at the American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting, or present a 5-minute summary during a live AHRS webinar, or submit a short paper (2-3 pages) that can be published in the IFHRS Newsletter. The paper would be a summary of what was learned or about the research-oriented project that was worked on.
 - b. **Basic science grant awardees:** Must submit an abstract to the Society for Investigative Dermatology Annual Meeting (and attend) the following year, or present a 5-minute summary during a live AHRS webinar, or submit a short paper (2-3 pages) that can be published in the IFHRS Newsletter. The paper would be a summary of what was learned or about the research project that was worked on.
 - c. **Other category awardees:** Must present a 5-minute summary of the mentorship project at the following AHRS luncheon at the American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting, or present a 5-minute summary during a live AHRS webinar, or submit a short paper (2-3 pages) that can be published in the IFHRS Newsletter. The paper would be a summary of what was learned during the rotation and about the research-oriented project that was worked on.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Completed applications must be received by **November 30, 2025**. After we receive your application, you will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours. If you have not heard from us within that time frame, please email info@americanhairresearchsociety.org to confirm we received your application.

APPLICATION NOTIFICATIONS: Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in **February 2026**. Successful grant awardees will be invited to attend the AHRs Scientific Meeting & Luncheon at the American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting, taking place on Friday, March 27, 2026, in Denver, where the awards will be presented.

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