



2024 Society of Abdominal Radiology Research Awards Guidelines and Instructions

Research Awards

The following set of guidelines and instructions applies to:

Wylie J. Dodd Research Award: Awarded to projects focused on gastrointestinal radiology.

Morton A. Bosniak Research Award: Awarded to projects focused on genitourinary radiology.

Howard S. Stern Research Award: Awarded to innovative projects relevant to abdominal radiology focused on either a gastrointestinal or genitourinary topic.

Eligibility

- The SAR strives to develop a diverse and inclusive Society. Applications are welcome from all members.
- At the time of application, the grant applicant must be a SAR member in-good-standing.
- Applicants should be an abdominal/body imaging clinical Fellow or Faculty (of any rank). Non-radiologist research fellows may not apply. The impact the grant may have in enhancing the applicant's career will be taken into consideration by the committee.
- Multicenter applications are allowed and may originate from a DFP/ETC.
- At the time of application, researchers must identify one primary area of focus for the project, such as MRI; CT; Ultrasound; PET; Nuclear; X-ray; IT; or Outcomes (**note:** reviewers will keep in mind that projects may crossover into multiple areas of focus)
- Each applicant may submit one project per award cycle.
- Each project must have its own complete application.
- Priority will be given to first time awardees
- Funding is meant to support initiation and completion of a new research project, not to supplement a pre-existing research project (e.g. paying for software or personnel in an ongoing study).

Application Instructions

Applications must be in the SAR-approved application template, are limited to five (5) pages including forms, description, figures, and references. Pages should have .5" margins and minimum 11pt font. The following should be included in the application:

- Title, list of principal investigator and co-investigators, hypothesis, specific aims, background and significance, research design and methods, data, illustration, literature cited (maximum 15 references), description of facilities

Additional application items (REQUIRED)

- Biographical sketch (brief NIH format required, **max 5 pages**) for applicant, one mentor, and up to one collaborator (**max 3 bio sketches**, no CVs)
- Cover Letter – a one-page cover letter explaining how this award will impact your career development

- Separate page detailing all current sources of funding
- Statement of support from the Department Chair
- Budget (if budget exceeds \$25,000, please identify other sources of funding)
 - Award funds are to be applied to direct costs only and may not be applied to institutional overhead or any other indirect costs.
 - Salaries and travel expenses are not eligible for faculty, physician, professional, and other providers of research-specific intellectual content (for example, radiologists, pathologists, and physicist faculty).
 - Salaries for providers of services (for example, statisticians, data entry personnel, and off-hours radiologic technologists) are eligible; alternately these may be structured as purchases of specific services.
 - Direct costs (for example, purchases of animals, preparation of specimens, laboratory tests, and the technical component of radiologic tests) are the primary intention of this support, that is, immediate expenditures designed to directly produce the research data.

Payment Terms

Payments will be made to the applicant's institution at the close of that year's SAR Annual Meeting (i.e. if you receive a 2023 SAR Research Grant, you will receive your award payment after the close of the 2023 SAR Annual Meeting).

Any remaining funds at the end of the two-year grant term must be returned to SAR via the management office.

Deliverables and Reporting Requirements

All grant recipients must provide a progress report within 12 months of the initiation of the grant. This progress report should include an update on the budget.

All grant recipients are expected to report on their grant at the conclusion of the two-year term. This report will take place during the coinciding SAR Annual Meeting during a science session. You will be contacted by the SAR Management Office to arrange your report.