



2021 Diversity Supplement Award

ISSUE DATE:	January 25, 2021
APPLICATION DUE DATE:	Applications may be submitted on rolling basis for active AASM Foundation research awards.
AWARD SELECTION NOTIFICATION:	Award selection made on a rolling basis for active AASM Foundation research awards.
PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:	8 weeks - 3 years
AMOUNT OF AWARD:	Up to 20% of the parent AASM Foundation research award, with a maximum of \$50,000
LINK TO APPLICATION:	https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_5880?SA=SNA&FID=35075
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The AASM Foundation is committed to developing the careers of sleep and circadian investigators. To meet this goal, the AASM Foundation encourages and supports the development of a diverse and well-trained sleep and circadian research workforce. The AASM Foundation is offering supplemental funds to active awards to support individuals from groups identified as underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral and social sciences.

Investigators holding an active AASM Foundation research award may request supplemental funds to improve the diversity of the sleep and circadian research workforce. The Diversity Supplement Award provides an opportunity for AASM Foundation-funded investigators to support mentored sleep and circadian research training of promising students, post-doctoral fellows and clinical fellows who are members of minority groups traditionally underrepresented in US science to participate in AASM Foundation-funded research projects.

FUNDING INFORMATION

The Diversity Supplement Award provides funds for the duration of an active AASM Foundation research award and can be for up to 20% of the award (maximum of \$50,000). The funds can be used for salary support (commensurate with current stipends or salaries) for a mentored research project of a parent AASM Foundation-funded research award. Indirect costs are not allowed.

PERFORMANCE PERIOD

The mentored research training and experience provided as part of the Diversity Supplement can last as short as 8 weeks (e.g., for undergraduate and health professional student summer research experiences) or as long as 3 years, depending on the duration of the parent AASM Foundation research award. The performance period must be continuous.

ELIGIBILITY

The following individuals are eligible to apply:

- Principal investigator must apply for the Diversity Supplement Award and have an active AASM Foundation research award, which includes:
 - ABSM Junior Faculty Award
 - Bridge to Success Award for Early Career Investigators
 - Bridge to Success Award for Mid-Career/Senior Investigators
 - Focused Projects Award for Junior Investigators
 - Physician Scientist Training Award
 - Strategic Research Award
- Principal investigator must serve as the mentor for the candidate for the duration of the diversity supplement.

The following candidates are eligible to be supported by the award:

- Candidates who are directly supported by the Diversity Supplement Award must be one the following:
 - Students who are enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or health professional degree-granting program.
 - Individuals who are enrolled in a post-baccalaureate program.
 - Individuals who are within one year of completing bachelors, masters or doctoral degree and taking a gap year in their education.
 - Clinical residents, post-doctoral fellows, or clinical fellows.
- Candidates who are directly supported by the Diversity Supplement Award must be from one of the groups identified as underrepresented in the U.S. biomedical, clinical, behavioral and social sciences by the National Science Foundation:
 - Individuals from the following racial and ethnic groups: Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders
 - Individuals with disabilities, who are defined as those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities
 - Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who meet two or more of the following criteria:
 - Were or currently are homeless
 - Were or currently are in the foster care system

- Were eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years
 - Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree
 - Were or currently are eligible for Federal Pell grants
 - Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children as a parent or child
 - Grew up in one of the following areas: a) a U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer, or b) a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas. Only one of the two possibilities listed can be used as a criterion for the disadvantaged background definition
- The Diversity Supplement Award may support no more than two candidates who meet the above criteria and the total support cannot exceed the established amount of the supplemental award (i.e., up to 20% of the award not to exceed \$50,000).

INELIGIBILITY

The following individuals are not eligible to apply:

- Due to varying definitions of underrepresented groups across countries, international investigators who have an active AASM Foundation research award are not eligible to apply.

The following candidates are not eligible to be supported by the award:

- Candidates cannot be supported by the Diversity Supplement Award if he/she is already supported by the parent AASM Foundation research award.

REVIEW CRITERIA AND PROCESS

All submitted applications will be evaluated by a review committee to determine its overall merit. Factors that will be taken into consideration include:

1. **Research Plan and Goals:** Research plan is tailored to the academic level of the candidate and includes goals, milestones, and objectives of the proposed research. The proposed research must contribute significantly to the research career development of the candidate.
2. **Mentoring and Training Plan:** Plan for training includes opportunities to acquire new research, presentation and publication skills; training also includes protections for human subjects or animal care. Plan for mentorship includes experiences to increase candidate's knowledge, skillset and abilities.
3. **Candidate Statement:** Candidate's career goals, educational achievement and interest in science will be bolstered through this new research experience. Appointment of candidate will promote diversity in the sleep research field.

Only materials submitted within the application will be used in the evaluation of applications. The AASM Foundation Executive Committee will make the final funding decisions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payment #1 – Upon execution of contract	100%
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DELIVERABLES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The AASM Foundation intends the Diversity Supplement Award to support the AASM Foundation’s mission and assist in the growth of diverse scientists in the field of sleep and circadian research.

Applicants are expected to serve as a research mentor to the candidate for the duration of the supplemental award. The AASM Foundation also expects that the work from this award will be presented at the annual SLEEP meeting and potentially lead to the publication of original research in peer-reviewed journals with the opportunity for the candidate to be the lead author.

The candidate and principal investigator must submit progress reports of work that was accomplished every 6 months if the performance period exceeds one year. Additionally, the candidate and principal investigator must submit a final report that includes findings of research project. At the conclusion of the award, the candidate must provide an impact statement on their research work and how the experience has or will assist in their development of pursuing a research career.

APPLICATION

Step 1: AASM Foundation Grant Request registration

To apply for this award, you must register on [AASM Foundation Grant Request](#). Please refer to the [AASM Foundation Grant Request User Access Guide](#) for guidance on setting-up an account.

Step 2: Complete application

[ACCESS THE 2021 DIVERSITY SUPPLEMENT AWARD APPLICATION](#)

New and resubmission applications must be completed and submitted through [AASM Foundation Grant Request](#). Instructions for required forms are available via the online submission system. The application checklist below shows required attachments to be uploaded.

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATIONS

Form	Page Limit
<input type="checkbox"/> Face Page A. Principal Investigator B. Candidate(s) C. Project Information for Diversity Supplement Award Proposal D. Sponsoring Organization	
<input type="checkbox"/> Research Plan and Goals	4 pages, excluding citations

<input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring and Training Plan	2 pages
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Statement	2 pages
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget and Budget Justification	

AWARD QUESTIONS

We encourage potential applicants to contact us early in the application process with questions. Eligibility questions may need to be reviewed by a member of the AASM Foundation Executive Committee, so please allow for at least a 1-week response time for eligibility questions. For all other inquiries, please allow a minimum of two business days for a response. Please note that questions received within 48 hours of an application deadline may not be answered before the deadline.