

2023-2024 Sleep Research Program for Advancing Careers

ISSUE DATE:	February 21, 2023
APPLICATION DUE DATE:	April 3, 2023
SELECTION NOTIFICATION:	By May 30, 2023
START/END OF PROGRAM:	August 2023 – May 2024
AMOUNT OF FUNDING:	<p>Selected SOAR fellows will be given the following for the SLEEP 2024 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free registration • Reimbursement for abstract submission • Travel and lodging
LINK TO APPLICATION:	https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5880?SA=SNA&FID=35147
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The AASM Foundation is committed to growing and supporting the pipeline of sleep scientists by investing in the research careers of new investigators through mentorship and grantsmanship training opportunities.

The Sleep Research Program for Advancing Careers is a research training program designed to support early career sleep and circadian investigators through a structured and mentored grant writing curriculum. At the end of the program, the early career investigators will be expected to have a completed grant application to submit for a federal or nonprofit career development grant such as an NIH K award. The goal of this program is to increase the number of early-career investigators who successfully apply for and secure external sleep research funding.

CURRICULUM

The 2023-2024 Sleep Research Program for Advancing Careers will start August 2023 and run through May 2024. The program will match each accepted applicant to a mentor, who will serve as a grant writing mentor for the duration of the program.

Accepted applicants will have access to grant writing lectures focused on career development grants and participate in live grant writing sessions with their mentors and the AASM Foundation Research Career Development Committee to get feedback on different components of their grant.

The Sleep Research Program for Advancing Careers will ensure the accepted applicants have a completed career development grant application at the end of the program that they can submit to federal funding agency or nonprofit organization for funding.

FUNDING INFORMATION

The Sleep Research Program for Advancing Careers provides free registration to the SLEEP 2024 meeting in Houston, TX. It will also reimburse an abstract submission to SLEEP 2024 and provide travel credit for travel and lodging.

ELIGIBILITY

The following individuals are eligible to apply:

- Sleep scientists (MD, DO, DDS, DMD, DNP, DNSc, PharmD, PhD, or equivalent) who are within 10 years of their terminal degree, post-doctoral training, or clinical training are eligible to apply.
- Must be members of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

INELIGIBILITY

The following individuals are NOT eligible to apply:

- Individuals who have received a career development award (NIH K grant, VA Career Development Award, AASM Foundation Career Development Award, or equivalent), or independent research funding (NIH RO1 or equivalent) are not eligible to apply.
- Individuals who are at an institution outside of the United States.
- Current AASM and AASM Foundation Board of Directors members cannot be listed as a mentor during their term on the Board and for one year after their term ends.

REVIEW CRITERIA AND PROCESS

The AASM Foundation Research Career Development Committee will evaluate and score all submitted applications. Factors that will be taken into consideration include:

1. **Contribution to Science:** Clear commitment to an academic sleep research career based on training to date, research activities, scholarly productivity, and institutional commitment towards a research career.
2. **Specific Aims:** Well-articulated research question in the sleep or circadian field that addresses a major gap in current evidence and a plan towards addressing this gap. *Note:* While the committee will help develop the aims, this document will serve as the primary basis for deciding which candidates are most likely to benefit from the program.
3. **Career Plan:** Strong short-term and long-term career goals in sleep research. Specific career development award/grant identified and clear description of how submitting a grant application at the end of the Sleep Research Program for Advancing Careers will facilitate advancement in a sleep research career.
4. **Mentoring Expectations/Needs:** Clear need for a structured grant writing program (i.e., Sleep Research Program for Advancing Careers). Plan and expectations for how Sleep Research Program for Advancing Careers mentor will help fill gaps in knowledge, skillset, and abilities.

APPLICATION

Step 1: AASM Foundation Grant Request registration

To apply for the Sleep Research Program for Advancing Careers, 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. For an overview of the information that is requested on the application form, please view the [2023-2024 Sleep Research Program for Advancing Careers Application Outline](#).

Step 2: Complete application

[ACCESS THE SLEEP RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR ADVANCING CAREERS APPLICATION](#)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Form	Page/Word Limit
<input type="checkbox"/> Face page A. Applicant B. Current mentor(s)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sketch A. Personal Statement B. Positions and Honors C. Contribution to Science D. Research Support	5 pages, max

<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Aims Page	1 page, excluding citations
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Statement A. Career plan short-term and long-term goals B. Mentoring expectations and needs C. Reason(s) for applying and motivation to complete program D. Target grant and timeline	2 pages, max
<input type="checkbox"/> Mentor Support Form	

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.