

Emerging Researcher Grant



Supporting the developing researcher with complimentary research mentorship and grants up to \$4,000



Timeline for Spring Grant Round

MAY 1 Questionnaire submission

NOV. 1 Initial application deadline

JAN. 1 Full proposal application deadline

By **APRIL 30** Foundation informs principal investigator of funding decision; funds disbursed to institution after agreements are signed

Timeline for Fall Grant Round

NOV. 1 Questionnaire submission

MAY 1 Initial application deadline

JULY 1 Full proposal application deadline

By **NOV. 30** Foundation informs principal investigator of funding decision; funds disbursed to institution after agreements are signed

ELIGIBILITY

Principal Investigator Qualifications

1. The principal investigator must be a current voting ASRT member with a minimum of one year of membership at the time of application. Voting membership must be maintained through the completion of grant funding and will be verified prior to releasing funds.
2. The PI must meet at least one of the following requirements:
 - a. Be registered to practice in the U.S. in a primary modality by certification agencies recognized by the ASRT (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board, American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography or Medical Dosimetrist Certification Board)
 - b. Hold an unrestricted state license
 - c. Be a student enrolled in an accredited radiologic science program with a minimum of one year of ASRT membership at the time of application

Note: Verification of registration, licensure or enrollment must be provided at application and prior to each release of funding.

3. The PI may have received no more than one previous grant as a PI from any organization, including the ASRT Foundation.
4. Members of the ASRT Foundation Board of Trustees, ASRT Board of Directors and ASRT staff and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.

Project Qualifications

1. Proposals may be submitted by an individual or a group of investigators affiliated with a U.S. sponsoring organization or institution.
2. For group submissions, one member must be designated as the principal investigator, responsible for directing the project. Other group members may be from relevant disciplines.
3. Proposed projects may not exceed one year in duration.

STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR FUNDING

The ASRT Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality and safety of patient care. The Foundation accomplishes this goal by providing support to emerging researchers performing research related to the delivery of radiation therapy, dosimetry or medical imaging, including nuclear medicine and sonography. Proposals related to radiologic science education and administration will also be considered if they support the ASRT Foundation's mission to support and empower medical imaging and radiation therapy students and professionals to positively impact patients.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Grant Period

A proposed project may have a period of performance up to one year. The project start date will be established at the time of agreement, and funds will be disbursed to the PI's institution as defined in the award program timeline for the applicable spring or fall round.

Reporting

1. Grant recipients shall submit a progress report to the ASRT Foundation six months into the grant period.
2. A final report shall be submitted within 30 days of completion of the grant period of performance. Failure to submit a final report will bar the recipient from any future Foundation funding, as the recipient will not be considered in good standing with the Foundation.
3. Grant recipients are required to submit a final manuscript* to *Radiologic Technology* or *Radiation Therapist* no later than six months following the completion of the research project for consideration of publication to disseminate the findings of their research to the larger professional audience.

*Manuscripts are categorized as original articles or editorials. Original articles include comprehensive research reports, literature reviews and case reports. Editorials often are shorter but still include references and contribute to the profession's body of knowledge. Both article types are assessed by at least one peer reviewer. Either type of submission is acceptable.

Approval of Changes

1. Any significant deviation from the approved project budget requires prior written approval from the Foundation. The grantee must obtain approval from the Foundation Board before implementing any budget modification that constitutes a significant change as defined below. Requests for approval must include a revised budget when applicable. The Foundation shall have 30 days to review and respond to any request for approval of budget changes.
 - a. Changes of 20% or less: Preapproval is not required for deviations of 20% or less within any individual budget line item. All such deviations must be fully documented and explained in the required progress and annual reports.
 - b. Changes greater than 20%: Transfers between budget line items that exceed 20% or requests to expend funds in categories not included in the original approved budget are considered significant changes and require prior written approval from the Foundation. These changes may be interpreted as alterations to the project's overall plan of action and will be reviewed at the Foundation's discretion.
2. Any material change to the project's approved plan of action must receive prior written approval from the Foundation. This includes but is not limited to changes to project methodology, timelines, subject acquisition or any request for a no-cost extension. All requests must be submitted in writing. The Foundation shall have 30 days to review and respond to such requests. If a request is submitted fewer than 30 days before the next scheduled payment, the payment may be withheld until approval is granted.
 - a. Requests for additional funding to extend the project will be treated as new applications and must be submitted in accordance with the current request for proposals.
 - b. Requests for a no-cost extension must be submitted in writing at least 30 days before the end of the grant's original period of performance. The request must provide a detailed justification. The Foundation will consider up to two no-cost extensions, each not to exceed six months.

OWNERSHIP OF EQUIPMENT

Title to all apparatus, equipment, material, instruments and products purchased, built, prepared or fabricated by an organization with the Foundation research grant funds will normally vest in the grantee, with the understanding that such equipment will remain in use for the specific project for which it was obtained.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

If you are selected to receive this grant award, the Foundation will distribute the approved amount directly to the grants administrator of your college, university or medical institution once the appropriate releases have been signed and returned to the Foundation. A final report of expenditures must be submitted to the Foundation when the project is completed. Unused funds must be returned to the Foundation.

SELECTION PROCESS

It is the responsibility of the ASRT Foundation Board of Trustees to approve grant recipients based on available funding.

The trustees have established a Research and Grants Advisory Panel of medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals to assist in evaluating grant proposals. RGAP members will evaluate the “blinded” proposals according to the required application content.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

To receive a research mentor, the applicant must submit the questionnaire and letter of support approximately six months prior to the initial application deadline. The mentorship component is optional, though highly recommended and designed to support emerging researchers in submitting a successful research grant application.

The initial application form must be submitted by the deadline as stated in the timeline on Page 1 of this packet. If the proposal is approved, the full proposal application content must then be received by the deadline as stated in the timeline. The full proposal content includes institutional signatures, curricula vitae/resumes, registrations/licensures, institutional approvals and cooperating institutions. Approved full proposals will be forwarded to the Foundation Board of Trustees for final consideration of funding.

GRANT ALLOWANCES

Grant requests must not exceed \$4,000 and are limited to direct costs only.

Note: Direct costs of conducting the project may include expendable supplies, nonexpendable equipment, printing and publications and necessary clinical tests and procedures purchased from other laboratories. Items of nonexpendable equipment costing more than \$500 will be considered only in exceptional circumstances and should be justified with a supporting budget statement, including a plan for disposition of the equipment after the research project has ended.