



Pennsylvania Allergy Educational and Research Fund (PAERF) 2022 GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT FUNDING

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:

The PAERF Committee shall meet/teleconference in the year prior to any grants being awarded to determine the investment strategy for the following year. The PAERF account balance must meet a threshold of \$100,000 on September 1 of the year prior to awarding any grants.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any fellow-in-training currently enrolled in a Pennsylvania allergy/immunology program is eligible to apply for PAERF Project funding provided that the project is sponsored by a member of the PAAA and has the approval of the division chief or department head in the institution in which the project is to be performed.

USE OF FUNDS:

PAERF Project applicants may request up to \$10,000 to support research that can be conducted within one year. PAERF Project funding is designed to provide fellows, residents, and medical students with an opportunity to learn the process of scientific inquiry. Under the guidance of a more senior investigator /mentor, trainees and students design the study, write a formal proposal, and take primary responsibility for the conduct of the actual research project.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Applications for PAERF Project funding must be submitted by February 28, 2022. The applications will be reviewed, and funding will start by August 15, 2022.

The elements of a PAERF Project application are:

Section 1: (Application Forms)

1. Pennsylvania Allergy Education and Research Fund Application Form.
2. Budget Page - Please describe, on a half-page or less, how the funds will be spent. Please note, no indirect costs will be covered by this grant.

Section 2: (Research Plan)

1. In no more than three pages, please describe your specific aims, the significance, the experimental design and methods, and the anticipated outcomes.
2. Bibliography (1-2 pages, not included in the total).

Section 3: (Principal Investigator and Senior Investigator/Mentor Information)

1. Please provide a biographical sketch of the principal investigator.
2. Please provide a biographical sketch of the senior investigator/mentor.
3. Please submit a 1-page letter of support from the senior investigator.

Section 4: (Approval Certifications)

The undersigned certify that they are not, to the best of their knowledge, excluded from participation in federally funded activities because of government-wide suspension or debarment

1. FIT/MEMBER APPLICANT: I certify that the information provided is accurate and complete as of this date. I agree to accept responsibility for scientific and technical conduct of this project and for provision of required technical reports if a grant or contract is awarded as a result of this application.

(Signature FIT/MEMBER APPLICANT

DATE)

2. TRAINING PROGRAM DIRECTOR: The attached application is approved. It is within the total program and academic objectives of the Department.

(Signature TPD

DATE)

3. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL: (if applicable) The proposed project is approved. It is consistent with the total program objectives of this school and the commitments of this project are acceptable.

(Signature Administrative Official

DATE)

REVIEW PROCESS:

The PAERF Committee will review the merit of the proposal using a scale of 0 – 4 (with 4 being the best) based on the following criteria:

1. Scientific merit of the project.
2. Importance of project to the field of Allergy/Immunology.
3. Expertise of investigator/mentor (previous work, training, productivity) in the area of the proposed research.
4. No comments will be returned.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Individuals receiving PAERF Project funding are required to submit a final report to the PAAA President by June 15 of the following year the award of the grant funds (2023). This report should include:

1. List of key personnel who worked on the project.
2. Describe and discuss the results of the investigation.
3. Indicate all efforts that have been made or will be made to publish or present the results.
4. An abstract for an oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the PAAA.