



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

AASLD FOUNDATION ADVANCED/TRANSPLANT HEPATOLOGY AWARD

Application Deadline: January 15, 2021
Award Period: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 (1 Year)
Award Amount: \$5,000

AASLD Foundation's Mission

To invest in innovative hepatology research and in the people who study and treat liver disease.

Award Description

The purpose of this award is to encourage the academic career of exceptional hepatology trainees. The Advanced/Transplant Hepatology Award provides \$5,000 in travel funds to fourth year Transplant Hepatology fellows or third year GI/Hepatology dual certification program fellows in accredited U.S., Canadian, or Mexican programs to attend The Liver Meeting® and one additional educational meeting (approved by the Research Awards Committee).

Application Submission

The application deadline for this award is **11:59 pm Eastern time, January 15, 2021**. Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.

Submit your application at www.liverresearchawards.org. You will be sent an email confirmation that the application was received. If an email confirmation is not received in two (2) business days, please contact awards@asld.org to confirm receipt.

Applications will be reviewed based on the written materials submitted. **Incomplete applications and applications that fail to adhere strictly to the instructions (including the submission deadline and page limitations) will not be reviewed.** All decisions are final.

Award Details

- The award provides \$5,000 travel support for the recipient to attend The Liver Meeting® and one additional educational meeting (subject to Committee approval; e.g. Digestive Disease Week, International Liver Congress, American Transplant Congress, or any course offered by AASLD) during their fellowship year.
- Travel funds are paid to the individual awardee (not the sponsoring institution) on a reimbursement basis for actual travel expenses incurred.
- The maximum amount that can be allocated to a single meeting is \$3,500.
- Unused travel funds at the end of the award term will be forfeited.
- Funding notifications for the 2021 awards cycle will be sent no later than May 1, 2021.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for this award, the applicant must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The applicant must:
 - Have been accepted to a U.S. ACGME approved (or Canadian/Mexican equivalent) transplant hepatology training program with a start date of July 1, 2021; or plan to apply for the dual certification GI/Transplant Hepatology combined program with a start date of July 1, 2021. *Note: Prior to funding, successful applicants from 3rd year dual certification programs must have confirmed acceptance into the dual certification GI/Transplant Hepatology program.*
 - Be a member of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) at the time of award application and maintain active membership for the duration of the award period.
 - Have a faculty mentor who is active in hepatology at the applicant's sponsoring institution and who is an AASLD member in good standing. Each mentor may only support one Advanced/Transplant Hepatology Award applicant per awards cycle.

2. The sponsoring institution/program must:
 - Have a United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) or Canadian/Mexican equivalent approved liver transplant program, which must be in good standing and must perform at least 10 liver transplantations per year.
 - Have a full-time faculty member or members capable of teaching a curriculum with a broad base of knowledge in transplant medicine and hepatology.
 - Provide training in living donor transplantation.

3. Application limits:
 - There is no restriction on the number of applicants each sponsoring institution can submit each cycle, but each faculty mentor may only support one applicant per cycle and only one applicant may be funded per distinct department within each institutional training site.
 - Applicants may only apply for one (1) AASLD Foundation (AASLDF) award per application cycle.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed based on the written materials submitted. Incomplete applications and applications that fail to adhere strictly to the instructions (including the submission deadline and page limitations) will not be reviewed. All decisions are final.

Candidates will be evaluated based upon their background and their commitment to an academic career in adult or pediatric clinical hepatology. Specifically, candidates will be reviewed based on:

- Background and professional potential of the applicant as an academic hepatologist (presentations at meetings, publications, etc.)
- Experience, academic productivity, and commitment of the faculty mentor(s)
- Clinical and/or academic environment
- Candidate statement reflecting strong academic career plan including planned research focus and mentorship plan if known

Advanced/Transplant Hepatology Award Application Instructions

1. Use pages 4-5 of this application as cover pages. Print or type responses.
2. Include only the required documents and provide signatures as requested.
3. Put your name (last name, first name) and the name of the award in the upper right-hand corner of each page.
4. Use half-inch margins. Do not use lettering smaller than 10 point.
5. Be sure to adhere to page limits and complete all sections. Applications that do not meet the requirements, in content or format, will not be reviewed.
6. Assemble the application package as a single PDF in the order listed in the Required Documents section (page 4).
7. The completed application, letters of support or commitment, and other documents as applicable must be combined into and submitted as one PDF document. Name the PDF file as follows: 2021 AdvHep - Last name, first name (Example: 2021 AdvHep – Smith, Jane)

Required Documents

Submit only the documents listed below, using pages 4-5 as cover pages. Any additional documents (including letters of collaboration, additional letters of recommendation, or documents that exceed the stated page limitations) will be removed from consideration.

1	Cover Pages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use pages 4-5 of this RFA as your application’s cover pages. • Complete all information and include all required signatures. • Signatures may be digital, electronic, or “wet.”
3	Applicant’s CV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a comprehensive CV including any publications, abstracts, or presentations.
4	Mentor’s Biosketch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit five pages • Provide a biographical sketch using the current SF424 Form.
5	Research Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit two pages, references are not included in the page limit • Summarize prior research experience and accomplishments (1 page). • Using the 1-page NIH-formatted specific aims page, draft a research or academic proposal based upon projected research interests. • It is understood that submitted research plans will evolve during the awardee’s fellowship year and early career.
6	Candidate’s Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit one page • Describe the benefits of this award to your research career and, where applicable, the impact the research preceptor will have on your research development.
7	Letter of Support from Primary Mentor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter should be provided from the candidate’s mentor confirming his/her sponsorship of the applicant as well as a statement confirming the information in the application is accurate. • The letter should acknowledge that the mentor has reviewed the proposed research summary.
8	One Additional Letter of Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit one page • One additional letter of recommendation should be provided attesting to the candidate’s qualifications, commitment to research and quality of scientific work. • This letter should not be provided by the applicant’s mentor.

The following pages contain forms that must be included in **all** applications. Please refer to the list of required documents above when assembling your final application package.

APPLICATION FOR THE 2021 ADVANCED/TRANSPLANT HEPATOLOGY AWARD

Applicant (last, first, middle initial)

AASLD Member Number

Project Title

Degree(s) and year(s) granted

Current Position

Appointment Date (month & year)

Address

Telephone

Email

Sponsoring Institution

Mentor (last, first, middle initial)

AASLD Member Number

Address

Telephone

Email

Institution's Grants Administrator

Grants Administrator's Address

Grants Administrator's Phone

Grants Administrator's Email

Institution Fiscal Officer, if different (please print)

Required Signatures

NOTE: By signing below, you are certifying that the information in this application is accurate and that you understand that AASLDF guidelines do not allow for any indirect costs (e.g. facilities management and utilities; general-purpose or capital equipment; travel; memberships and dues; subscriptions/books/periodicals; etc.).

Signature of Applicant

Name

Date

Signature of Mentor

Name

Date

Signature of Department Chair

Name

Date

Signature of Grants Administrator

Name

Date

2021 ADVANCED/TRANSPLANT HEPATOLOGY AWARD ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Complete the eligibility checklist below and include the completed page as page 2 of your application package.

1. The applicant (select which applies):
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 - Plans to apply for the dual certification GI/Transplant Hepatology combined program with a start date of July 1, 2021. Note: Prior to funding, successful applicants from 3rd year dual certification programs must have confirmed acceptance into the dual certification GI/Transplant Hepatology program.

2. The applicant confirms that:
 - They are a member of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) at the time of award application and will maintain active membership for the duration of the award period.
 - They have a faculty mentor who is active in hepatology at the applicant's sponsoring institution and who is an AASLD member in good standing.

3. The sponsoring institution/program:
 - Has a United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) or Canadian/Mexican equivalent approved liver transplant program, which must be in good standing and must perform at least 10 liver transplantations per year.
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ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

In our efforts to fund more high-impact proposals, AASLD Foundation seeks partnerships with individual or private foundation donors that have expressed interest in supporting research projects in specific diseases or areas of focus.

Please indicate below if you give AASLD Foundation permission to share your de-identified application with potential individual or private (non-industry/corporate) foundation donors in the event your application is highly meritorious and matches with one of these opportunities.

- Yes, I agree to allow AASLD Foundation to share my de-identified application with potential individual donors or private (non-industry/corporate) foundations that have an interest in supporting research in my area of focus.
- No, I do not agree to allow AASLD Foundation to share my de-identified application with any potential private donors.