



The SASS Foundation
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HAIRY CELL LEUKEMIA
FOUNDATION

Hairy Cell Leukemia Fellowship Awards – 2018/2019

The Sass Foundation for Medical Research (SFMR) and Hairy Cell Leukemia Foundation (HCLF) have joined together to fund effective research into the pathogenesis and treatment of hairy cell leukemia and to encourage investigators to pursue careers in the field of hairy cell leukemia research. Up to \$2 million will be invested over five years (2016-2021) to support the Research Grants and Fellowship Awards.

Fellowships are awarded for **up to \$75,000 per year for three (3) years** based on satisfactory annual reports.

Eligibility and Guidelines

- Fellowship awards are aimed at investigators who wish to pursue a career involving clinical or fundamental research in hairy cell leukemia or related leukemia research fields under an experienced research sponsor's mentorship.
- The investigator should be engaged in academic medicine as an exceptional senior post-doctoral fellow (in the 3rd or 4th year of fellowship) or as a junior member of the faculty (within 3 years of completing a post-doctoral fellowship).
- The investigator should demonstrate a research focus on this disease with an original research project that is independent of his or her mentor's.

Allowed Expenses

- SFMR/HCLF Fellowship Awards are limited to salary and fringe support. Laboratory costs/equipment, computers, office supplies, tuition, or other indirect costs will not be funded.
- Fellows may be provided with up to \$1,500 for travel to national or international conferences to present their research funded by the Fellowship Award.

Important Deadlines

- **Applicants submit Letter of Intent** via email to grants@hairycellleukemia.org by **January 19, 2018**.
- Invitation to submit a full Application communicated to applicants via email by **February 19, 2018**.
- **Applicants submit a full Application** via email to grants@hairycellleukemia.org by **March 31, 2018**.
- Applications reviewed by Scientific & Medical Advisory Board (SMAB) and ad hoc outside reviewers who make recommendations for funding to SFMR & HCLF. A phone interview with fellowship applicants by SMAB members may be conducted.
- Fellowship award decisions communicated to applicants via email by **May 31, 2018**.

Letter of Intent (LOI) Requirements

- Contact information for Fellowship Award Applicant and Mentor
- Research project description (limited to 2 pages)
- Specific aims of the project
- Research design
- Key references

Full Application Requirements

- Contact information for Fellowship Award Applicant and Mentor
- Curriculum vitae of Applicant and Mentor
- Letter of recommendation from Mentor describing the role of the Applicant
- Project Description (limited to 5 pages)
- Project title, hypothesis, and specific aims
- Scientific and/or clinical significance of the project
- Scientific background with complete references and preliminary data
- Research design, anticipated results, potential pitfalls, and preventatives
- Collaboration with other investigators
- Other sources of funding including current and pending funding of both the Applicant and Mentor (list should include title of research project, funding source, funding amount, and abstract for each grant; all current and pending grants should be listed even if unrelated to HCL research or to the project described in the HCL Fellowship Award application)
- Institutional Review Board (or other oversight entity) status

Expectations of the Fellowship Awardee

- Brief annual written report due 30 days after the yearly Fellowship Award cycle
- Attendance at the Hairy Cell Leukemia Foundation Annual Conference to present progress report of research being funded by the SFMR-HCLF Fellowship. Travel and lodging to attend the Annual Conference will be reimbursed in addition to the Fellowship program travel budget.
- Fellowship awardees are required to clearly acknowledge the support from the Hairy Cell Leukemia Foundation and The Sass Foundation for Medical Research in all publications and presentations that result from SFMR-HCLF funding.