



ASLMS – Alastin Student Research Grant

Instructions/Guidelines



Introduction

The American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery (ASLMS) and Alastin by Galderma have partnered to support research aimed at fostering the development and use of Alastin products.

Eligibility

Any student in the last year of residency or fellowship interested in conducting research that fosters the development and/or use of Alastin product applications is eligible to apply for the ASLMS – Alastin Student Research Grant. A maximum of two student research grants may be awarded each year, and each grant will be limited to \$10,000. Student grants will be awarded the full amount.

Purpose and Use of Grant Funds

The primary purpose of the ASLMS – Alastin Student Research Grant is to conduct research using Alastin products that result in positive endpoints. Preference will be given to proposed research projects with direct implications for medical, aesthetic, or surgical applications. Grant funds may be used for all costs associated with the research project. Sponsoring organization must agree that no indirect institutional costs will be deducted from the Student Research Grant Award.

Required Letter of Support from ASLMS Member

A letter of support from an active ASLMS member who may or may not be directly involved in the research project must be submitted with the grant application. The letter of support must be on the member's official letterhead and signed. The letter of support may not come from the grant applicant. Individuals providing a letter of support should stress the importance and feasibility of the proposed research and endorse the applicant's ability to successfully complete the research project. The letters of support may be included as an email attachment (either MS Word or PDF format) at the time of grant application submission, or the letter of support may be sent directly from the ASLMS member to information@aslms.org on or before the grant application deadline.

ASLMS Membership Requirements

Grant applicants who are not currently members of ASLMS must complete and submit an ASLMS membership application. To apply for ASLMS membership, log on to www.aslms.org and click on "Member Services", Membership | Join" to complete and submit the Membership Application. Research grants will be awarded only to individuals who are accepted for membership in ASLMS.

Review Criteria

The ASLMS Research and Development Committee will use the following criteria to assess and rank grant applications. Each criterion has been deemed important. An overall impression of the proposal will be used to determine the fundability of an application.

CRITERIA

- I. Proposed research is aligned with the intent of the ASLMS – Alastin Student Research Grant Program, which is to investigate and/or develop medical, aesthetic, and/or surgical applications of light-based and related technology that have a direct and timely implication for improving patient care.
- II. Proposed research is determined to be feasible based on evidence of past research, literature, review, and/or other evidence provided in the application.
- III. Research and project evaluation methodologies are appropriate as proposed, and consideration for achieving statistically significant results is present.
- IV. If appropriate, the applicant enlists the expertise of principal investigator(s) whose capabilities/qualifications are aligned with the proposed research and identifies facilities and budget necessary to successfully complete the project.
- V. The applicant proposes to research a new and/or innovative idea and/or conduct an innovative/novel approach to research.
- VI. If necessary, the applicant includes plans and capabilities to continue the research project beyond the ASLMS funding cycle.
- VII. Proposed research is endorsed by other reputable researchers and/or is supported by other direct financial support and/or in-kind support from other sources.

Application Structure

1. All individuals interested in obtaining funding are required to complete the ASLMS – Alastin Student Research Grant Application form and submit it via email to information@aslms.org by the deadline of Tuesday, November 24, 2026, 11:59 PM (Central).
2. The ASLMS Research and Development Committee and Alastin will use the criteria outlined on Page 2 to determine which proposals will be selected for funding.
3. All applications must be self-contained within specific page limitations and format as identified within the application sections unless otherwise indicated. Failure to adhere to the pre-established standards will result in rejection of an application.
 - a) Biographical Sketch – Use format provided within the Application. Biographical Sketch cannot exceed four (4) pages.
 - b) Executive Summary – Left and right justified margins at 1.0". Top and bottom margins at 0.5". Executive Summary can contain graphs, photos, illustrations, etc. but may not exceed four (4) pages.
 - c) Budget Description – One (1) page.
 - d) Bibliography/References – No page limit and these pages are not counted toward the total page limit. Follow font and margin requirements as stated in these standards.
 - e) Font – 11pt Arial in the color black (do not use “Arial Black” font).
 - f) Application must be submitted to information@aslms.org by the deadline in MS Word using the form provided and in the following order:
 - Application Cover Page
 - Biographical Sketch
 - Budget Description
 - Executive Summary
 - Bibliography/References
 - Signature PageSignatures may be typed in the space provided, or, if the applicant's institution requires handwritten signatures, the Signature Page may be submitted with the appropriate signatures as a PDF at the time of Application submission. Remove the Signature Page from the MS Word Application if submitted as a PDF.
4. Letter of Support – Letter of support may be included as an email attachment (either MS Word or PDF format) at the time of Application submission, or a letter of support may be sent directly from the ASLMS member to information@aslms.org on or before the Application deadline.
5. Grant Recipients will be notified in February 2027 via email. In addition, Grant Recipients will be announced at the ASLMS Annual Conference. Award Recipients are required to attend. For more details about the ASLMS Annual Conference, log on to www.aslms.org. ASLMS reserves the right to change the notification date.

Grant Acceptance Terms

1. **Grant Purpose.** The research grant funds will be used consistently with the budget, location, personnel, and the purpose(s) as described in the Recipient's ASLMS - Alastin Student Research Grant Application. Any significant variance in the use of grant funds will require Alastin's approval. The Recipient will notify the ASLMS Central Office and Alastin of any circumstances that may preclude the Recipient from completing the research project consistent with the methodology set forth in the Grant Application, or by the anticipated completion date.
2. **Abstract & Publication Requirements:** The grant recipient will submit an abstract for review by the late breaking abstract deadline immediately following completion of the research project. If the recipient does not timely submit such abstract, the ASLMS reserves the right to request that identified funds be returned within 30 days of the first abstract submission deadline following the anticipated and agreed timeline of the project completion. The recipient is responsible for monitoring the ASLMS website for the abstract deadline. The recipient must be listed as the presenting abstract author. If selected, the recipient will attend and present the findings of the research project at the next ASLMS Annual Conference which follows the completion of the research project. If not selected, the grant recipient will submit a manuscript describing the funded research for publication in the ASLMS Lasers in Surgery and Medicine (LSM) Journal. The recipient must receive formal notification from LSM that the manuscript will not be published before submitting the manuscript to another publication.
3. **Payment Schedule:** Upon grant approval and acceptance, the Recipient will receive the full grant award.
4. **Summary and Photo Submission:** Within three (3) months following the completion of the research project, the grant Recipient will submit a professional photo and a written summary of their experience (1000 words or less) with the grant submission process and how it supported their research efforts for use in future ASLMS and Alastin newsletters and other marketing initiatives.
5. **Fund Summary:** The Recipient will promptly provide the ASLMS and/or Alastin with the final accounting of the funds expended by the applicant on the research project.
6. **Acknowledgment:** The Recipient will include an appropriate acknowledgment of the ASLMS–Alastin partnership as the funding source for the research project in all reporting and/or publication of the research project results.
7. **Hold Harmless:** The Recipient, the Recipient's Organization and ASLMS shall each to the extent permitted by the law applicable to each and without waiving sovereign immunity, release, indemnify, and hold harmless the others and the others' members, directors, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns from all liability, claims, damages, legal fees and costs which may arise out of or in connection with this grant award to the Recipient by ASLMS. The Recipient, the Recipient's Organization, and ASLMS agree that this provision is intended to release, indemnify, and hold harmless each of them to the broadest extent allowed by law, but does not apply to liability, claims, damages, or legal fees and costs which may arise out of or in connection with intentional or reckless acts.
8. **Disclaimer:** ASLMS reserves the right to accept and/or reject all research grant applications without a prerequisite justification for such action. No grant will be awarded to any person if the award would be contrary to any United States law, including but not limited to trade embargoes or sanctions administered by the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control.

1. Discrimination Policy Statement. ASLMS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability, in any aspect of its operations, including but not limited to, the provision of services, membership on the Society's governing board or committees, and attendance at or participation in the Society's programs, meetings, and events, and awarding of research grants.
2. Proprietary Rights. Neither the Recipient's Organization nor ASLMS is transferring to the other any right or license in any patent, copyright, or other proprietary right owned by the other through participation in or under the Student Research Grant Program as of the date of the Application or as arising outside of the research conducted under the Student Research Grant Program. Neither the Recipient's Organization nor ASLMS shall use the names or trademarks of the other in any advertising, publicity, endorsement, or promotion without the prior written consent of the other.
3. Governing Law. The ASLMS – Alastin Student Research Grant Program terms shall be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Wisconsin without regard to conflicts of laws principles.
4. Organization Agreement. The Recipient's Organization signing the Student Research Grant Application agrees to the terms of the ASLMS – Alastin Student Research Grant Program.

Questions

For additional information or questions regarding the grant submission process, please contact ASLMS staff at:

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