

# A. WARD FORD MEMORIAL RESEARCH GRANT GUIDELINES

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The A. Ward Ford Memorial Research Grant Committee is accepting grant proposals for direct clinical or basic science research investigating current use or potential new applications of laser or other light-based therapy. The American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery (ASLMS) supports the initiatives of the A. Ward Ford Memorial Research Grant Committee.

Applicants must be enrolled in or have completed an MD residency or PhD post-doctoral training at the time of application and must be a member or applicant for membership in ASLMS at the time of the award.

Information on membership can be found on the ASLMS website. Priority will be given to applicants who are interested in or entering an academic teaching or research position, but all applications will be considered.

**Research Grant Awards:** Grants up to \$70,000 may be awarded for one year

**Eligibility:** To be eligible, applicants must presently be enrolled in or have completed post-doctoral and/or residency training after January 1, 2018.

**Application Deadline:** The A. Ward Ford Research Grant is a two-step process:

- 1) All eligible individuals interested in obtaining grant funding must complete and submit a **Pre-Application** due Wednesday, **January 15, 2025** at 11:59 p.m. Central Time. **Pre-Applications** will be reviewed and scored with only the top scoring applications being selected to submit a **Grant Application**.
- 2) All individuals selected to submit a Grant Application must complete **and submit the application by Tuesday, March 11, 2025**, at 11:59 p.m. Central Time.

**Notification:** Pre-Applicants and students will be notified Wednesday, February 12, 2025, via email if selected to proceed with submission of a Grant Application.

**Project Completion:** The grants are available for projects to be completed between July 1 of the application year and June 30 of the following year. Applicants may receive an extension to complete the research if requested and approved by the ASLMS Research and Development Committee. Submit your extension request to [information@aslms.org](mailto:information@aslms.org).

**Application Process:** Applications are accepted through the [ASLMS Research Grant](#) online application webpage. The ASLMS Research and Development Committee reviews and scores each application. The application [Instructions/Guidelines Criteria](#) is available on the webpage. After the committee meets to discuss the application scores, the committee will provide their recommendation to the Foundation, including a copy of the application with the highest reviewed score.

The Community Foundation serves as administrators of the endowed A. Ward Ford Memorial Institute Fund.

To complete your application, visit the ASLMS website at [www.aslms.org](http://www.aslms.org) and follow the prompts to the “For Professionals” page, and click on the “Research Grants” button. Once you are on the webpage, select the A. Ward Ford Memorial Research Grant to begin filling out your application.

### **Grant Application Requirements:**

- [Standard Instructions and Guidelines](#)
- [Student Instructions and Guidelines](#)

### **Grant Payment:**

Grant payment will be made in two installments by the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin directly to the institution where the grant research will be conducted. A six-month report **must** be submitted by November 30 to initiate the second payment.

### **Grant Follow-up:**

The grant recipient will submit an abstract for review by the first abstract deadline immediately following completion of the research project. The recipient is responsible for monitoring the ASLMS website for the abstract deadline. The recipient must be listed as the abstract's 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 Journal Lasers in Surgery and Medicine (LSM). The recipient must receive formal notification from LSM that the manuscript will not be published before submitting the manuscript to another publication. A. Ward Ford Memorial Institute Fund support for the research must be recognized in any publication or presentation.

Questions or requests for further information can be directed to:

**American Society of Medicine Laser and Surgery, Inc. (ASLMS)  
Research and Development Committee  
A. Ward Ford Memorial Research Grant  
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# HISTORY OF THE A. WARD FORD MEMORIAL INSTITUTE AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR LASER MEDICINE AND SURGERY

William B. Mark was an engineer by training who, along with his wife, Caroline, formed the A. Ward Ford Foundation named in honor of Caroline's grandfather, Austin Ward Ford, who was a pioneer in the early business machine industry.

After attending an industrial laser conference, Bill Mark became interested in the possible medical use of lasers. With the foundation medical director, Dr. Ellet Drake, a number of other like-minded individuals, and a generous grant from Caroline and the A. Ward Ford Foundation, the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery (ASLMS) was founded with the first annual meeting in 1981. The Society had a unique concept where all interested parties including physicians, nurses and other clinicians, researchers, industrial and government representatives could meet and share their research and teaching for the benefit of medical care.

Bill Mark died in 1980, but under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Drake the Society grew and developed into the premier organization we know today.

If Bill Mark was the brains, and Ellet Drake the heart of the Society, Caroline Mark was the soul. She was a lady of significant means, which she used wisely and generously, but she was also a lady of intelligence and integrity. She believed in the value of education and the benefit of research which she supported throughout her lifetime. She gave encouragement and formed many lasting friendships in her continued support of the Society.

Research, education, and the friendship of sharing was the nature of Caroline Mark and this is, and continues to be, the basis of the Society. The A. Ward Ford Memorial Research Grant is the continued legacy of Bill and Caroline Mark, and their contribution to the laser medical field.

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