

RESEARCH AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN DERMATOLOGISTS. 2016

The money received from Galderma (R35 000 rand,) and Aspen GSK Stiefel (R10 000) will be pooled with the DSSA (R40 000) and will be part of a single research fund.

There will be 2 opportunities to apply for this funding during the course of a year – The deadlines will be the last day of February and the last day of August of each year.

Depending on the work submitted the aim will be to award the Galderma and Aspen Stiefel money (R45000) in February and the DSSA money (R40 000) in August. However the adjudicators in consultation with the administrator of the award will be allowed to exercise discretion in this regard.

The award from Galderma will be known as the “John Moche Galderma Research Grant”

The awards committee will consist of 3 experienced dermatologist researchers, or 2 dermatologist researchers and an independent researcher such as Prof Duncan Mitchell (who will be paid).

Protocols using the guidelines provided by the local university or those on the website must be submitted – these include ethics approval and a carefully worked out budget.

Regular progress reports must be submitted. The reports must be submitted to the secretary of the DSSA at 6 monthly intervals.

These awards are intended for research into an aspect of dermatology and can be applied for by dermatology registrars working at a South African university or by dermatologists who are members of the Dermatology society of South Africa

CONDITIONS:

An adjudicating committee of 3 advisers will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Society to evaluate requests for financial support and the amount of assistance requested.

The final decision rests with the adjudicating committee in consultation with the president, secretary and treasurer of the DSSA as well as the co-opted member of EXCO. The decision is final and no correspondence about the decision will be entered into.

- Dermatologists who are members of the DSSA and dermatology registrars resident and working in South Africa may apply.
- All applications should be directed to the Secretary of the DSSA.
- A comprehensive protocol must be submitted.
- Approval of the study by the local Ethics Committee must accompany the application

- A comprehensive budget must be submitted.
- Studies dealing with clinical, epidemiological, therapeutic and laboratory research will be considered, but drug trials sponsored by pharmaceutical companies will not be supported
- Where applicable relevant statistical measuring instrument(s) will be employed.
- The amount granted will depend on the nature of the study.
- Seed money will be provided on approval of the study. Further amounts will be provided on the submission of satisfactory progress and financial reports. The funding is intended for research purposes and not for attendance at overseas conferences. However, should there be money over after completion of the research project and submission of the final budget, permission may be asked of EXCO for this money to be used to attend a conference for the purpose of presentation of the work.
- Successful applicants are expected to report to the DSSA on the progress of the work and also on the successful completion of the project. The progress report and the spending of the money should be submitted at 6 monthly intervals.
- The money awarded will be for the intended research as stated in the proposal. Should the applicant wish to extend his\her research or alter the proposal, a new application should be submitted, together with financial accounting of the previous research and a detailed budget proposal for the new work.
- It is strongly recommended that the submitting dermatologist \registrar obtain the guidelines for the drawing up of a research project for submission for funding from the institution at which he\she is based.
 - . It is recommended that at the onset of the research project the different roles of the members of the research team should be carefully stipulated. It must be noted that the funds are intended for dermatological research and the dermatologist should be the chief researcher.
- The judges' decision is final and binding.