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Call for Proposals – American Thyroid Association (ATA) Research Grants Deadline: January 31, 2011

Electronic Submission: Proposals should be submitted electronically through the research grant application feature on the ATA website, www.thyroid.org.

The American Thyroid Association (ATA) is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support new investigator initiated research projects in the area of thyroid function and disease. Topics may include, but are not limited to, clinical thyroidology, thyroid autoimmunity, thyroid and the brain, thyroid hormone action and metabolism, and thyroid cell biology. Research awards are intended to assist new investigators in obtaining preliminary data for submission of a more substantial application (i.e., to the NIH). Research grants, up to \$25,000 annually, will be awarded for two year terms based on receipt and review of a satisfactory progress report from funded investigators in the fourth quarter of the first year of funding.

Guidelines for All Research Grant Proposals: As mentioned above, research awards are targeted for funding of new investigators to obtain preliminary data for submission of a more substantial application (i.e., to the NIH).

Eligibility of Applicant and Use of Funds Guidelines:

1. New investigators are individuals who are less than 6 years from completion of their post-doctoral fellowship and have never been a PI on an NIH RO1 or equivalent grant (recipients of NIH R29, R21 and KO8 awards are eligible).
2. Faculty members (MD and PhD) are eligible.
3. Postdoctoral fellows are eligible if their department provides written confirmation that at the time of the award the applicant will have a junior faculty position.
4. Students working towards an MD or a PhD are not eligible.
5. Investigators and individuals who have previously received ATA, ThyCa or THANC awards are not eligible. In general, investigators who have achieved the rank of associate professor or higher are not eligible.
6. Applications are limited to one per individual researcher.
7. The funds can be used for direct costs associated with the proposal, including technician's salary, supplies or equipment but not for PI's salary.
8. Recipients of ATA grants must be ATA members (submit application online if not already a member). For new members, membership dues for the first year will be waived.

Proposal Requirements: Interested investigators should submit a brief description of the proposed research by January 31, 2011. Each proposal must include the following:

1. Name and affiliation of applicant with complete work and home contact information
2. Title of proposed study
3. Short proposal that should be no longer than 900 words or three double-spaced pages in 12 point type. These space requirements are absolute and nonconformance will preclude review. This short proposal should include:
 - Background to the project
 - Hypothesis and/or outline of proposed studies
 - Outline of methodology
 - Anticipated results and implications
 - A short statement of how the grant will aid the applicant
 - References (selected)
4. An NIH-style CV (no longer than four pages) including evidence that the applicant is a new investigator (see above), namely date of completion of postdoctoral training and current grant support (if any). In the case of postdoctoral fellows, written confirmation from the department chair must be provided that the applicant will have a junior faculty position at the time of the award. **Note: Without a suitable CV, applications will not be considered.**

Grant Review: The ATA Research Committee will rank proposals according to their scientific merit. Authors of selected proposals will be notified in March 2011 and invited to submit a complete grant application.