



## 2024 NAAF Early Career Award Request for Proposals

The National Alopecia Areata Foundation (NAAF) funds research to find a cure and accessible treatments for alopecia areata, supports those impacted by the disease, and advocates on their behalf. Alopecia areata is a common autoimmune disease affecting as many as 160 million people worldwide. NAAF offers competitive awards and grants to members of the research and medical communities who are working to advance alopecia areata research and care.

### Early Career Award

NAAF's new Early Career Award seeks to support junior investigators entering the alopecia areata research space with funds to support critical research questions. The goals of the program are to support individuals early in their career, to encourage interest and commitment to alopecia areata as a research focus, and to bring new voices and ideas to the alopecia areata research community. Applications related to all aspects of alopecia areata are strongly encouraged, including basic science, translational research, technology, epidemiology, health services, and clinical research.

Investigators with innovative research ideas are encouraged to apply. Priority consideration will be given to individuals who have not received NAAF grant funding in the past and to proposals that address one or more of the following areas of interest:

- Basic science research to advance understanding of the pathophysiology of AA, including investigations of pathways/ targets that could lead to new therapies, and development/ characterization of new animal models
- Investigations to improve understanding of disease triggers
- Advances in treatment or tools for treatment decision-making by patients and families
- Elucidation of the burden of alopecia areata on patients and families including the psychosocial impact

### Eligibility

- Applicants must hold the degree of MD, DO, and/or PhD (or equivalent) and be eligible to apply for grants under the guidelines of their host institution.
- Eligible applicants may not have current or previous NIH R series funding as PI or Co-PI on an alopecia areata-focused project.
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- Investigators and institutions throughout the world are welcome to apply.
- Evidence of IRB or IACUC (or equivalent) approval is required as applicable.

### **Awards**

The Early Career Award is a 2-year, non-renewable award with an expected start date of 1/15/25. Applicants may request up to \$100,000 (\$50,000 per year over two years.) Applicants may request **direct costs only**. Indirect costs are not allowed on NAAF grants.

### **How to apply**

Review and download the 2024 NAAF Early Career Award Application for specific instructions. Applications must be submitted by email as a single PDF file to [grants@naaf.org](mailto:grants@naaf.org). Applications must be written in Arial or Calibri font 11pt or larger with at least one-half inch margins.

### **Important Dates**

Application deadline:	11:59 PM PT, Thursday, September 26, 2024
Award announcement:	anticipated on or before December 31, 2024
Earliest start date:	January 15, 2025

### **Questions**

Email Lisa Anderson, PhD, Senior Director of Research, at [lisa@naaf.org](mailto:lisa@naaf.org) for additional information or with any questions on the NAAF Early Career Award application or review process.