

MACULA SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANT (MSRG) PROGRAM

Aim: The purpose of the MSRG program is to provide funding for clinically relevant research into macular or retinal vascular diseases. Pilot projects with the potential to obtain additional external funding and projects coordinating the efforts of the general membership are preferred. Projects that already receive or are expected to receive \$50,000 or more from other sources are not eligible for the Macula Society Research Grant Program. Members who received a research grant in the past three years are not eligible.

Eligibility: All members with full membership privileges are eligible for funding except as noted below.

Funding Guidelines:

1. The proposed research must have the potential of increasing the understanding of macular or retinal vascular diseases. Grant proposals facilitating collaboration among the Macula Society members to study a particular disease are encouraged as well. Research receiving partial funding from sources additional to this MSRG award is also eligible, as the Macula Society believes that their support may encourage others to fund research.
2. Funds are to be applied to equipment, supplies, and non-physician salary support. Justifiable travel support is limited to 10% of the total award granted.
3. Research must conform to accepted standards of conduct (e.g., ARVO Guidelines for Use of Animals in Research), and is to receive institutional approval by the appropriate review committees (e.g., Animal Care Committee, Human Research Review Committee, etc.).
4. The duration of the research project must not exceed 18 months. Research monies not disbursed during this time will be returned to the Macula Society.
5. The **firm** deadline for receipt of an application is December 5, 2014 5 PM EST for funding to begin January 1, 2015. All applications must be submitted online through the Macula Society web site, www.maculasociety.org.
6. Members of the Grant Application Review Committee consist of the Macula Society Research and Education Committee, who, as members, are ineligible for consideration of these awards. Members of the Executive Committee are also ineligible for consideration.
7. Award recipients must acknowledge the support of the Macula Society Research Award Grant Program on all papers, presentations, and abstracts regarding the supported research.
8. Each recipient must present their research project to the Macula Society **within two years** of receiving an award. The presentation will be given in a specially designated section of the Annual Meeting of the Macula Society.
9. An audit of funds may be requested by the Macula Society at the completion of the project.

Please submit your application on the Macula Society web site, www.maculasociety.org, no later than December 5, 2014:

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