

2024 AGA Pilot Research Awards

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Principal Investigator Information

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Degree(s)

Check all advanced degrees you currently hold. Applicants must hold MD, PhD and/or equivalent degrees (e.g., MBChB, MBBS, DO).

MD

PhD

DO

DVM

MBBS

MBChB

MA

MAS

MBA

MHS

MPH

MS

MSHS

Other (please specify)

ORCID ID

Provide your [ORCID ID](#) as a full URL. For example, the ID 1234-5678-9123-4567 is entered as <https://orcid.org/1234-5678-9123-4567>. To find your number or create an ORCID ID, visit their website at <https://orcid.org/signin>.

Email Address

List an email address you check regularly and that will remain active over the duration of the award. AGA may contact you regarding the status of your application or to request additional information.

Completion Date of Terminal Training or Degree

Indicate the month and year that you completed your clinical training or received your terminal degree. If you have completed multiple fellowships or advanced degrees, report the date for the training/degree completed most recently.

Month

Year

Current Position/Title

Select ▼

Appointment Date

Enter the date that you were, or will be, appointed to a full-time faculty position. Applicants must have a full-time faculty position before the start date of this award (April 2024).

Institution

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

City

State/Province

Select ▼

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Select ▼

Will you hold a full-time faculty position at an institution different from your current institution by the start date of this award (April 2024)?

Select ▼

Gender

Select ▼

Ethnicity

- Latinx or Hispanic origin
- Not Latinx or of Hispanic origin
- I do not wish to identify my ethnicity

Race (check all that apply)

- Native American or Alaskan Asian Black or African American
- Middle Eastern or North African Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander White
- Other (please specify) I do not wish to identify my race

Principal Investigator Disclosure Statement

Applicants must disclose any arrangements or relationships relevant to the submitted proposal. These may include arrangements or relationships with:

- A company whose product is featured prominently in the submitted proposal.
- A company making a competing product to one that is featured prominently in the submitted proposal.
- Any organization or entity connected to this funding opportunity (e.g., as noted in the award title or funding acknowledgments).

Select ▼

Principal Investigator Disclosure Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that I have disclosed all relevant arrangements and relationships that are relevant to this proposal. I understand that failure to disclose relevant arrangements and relationships may result in the immediate termination of my eligibility and/or forfeiture of AGA award funds. By typing my name in the field below I acknowledge that I agree with the above statements.

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Submission Status

Have you previously submitted this project for an AGA pilot research award?

No.

Yes.

Resubmission Report

The resubmission report is limited to one page and should:

- Note the year of the previous submission.
- Clearly indicate areas where the original proposal was revised.

No file chosen

Is your proposal relevant to any of the listed thematic areas? (Select all that apply.)

View the full requests for applications on the [AGA pilot awards page](#). Specific awards are available in 2023-2024 for inflammatory bowel disease and NASH projects. Five additional unrestricted awards are available for any area of digestive disease research.

- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis

Type of Research

Select the category that best describes your proposed research.

- [Clinical Research](#): Research involving direct contact with human subjects or using clinical data to address problems related to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or outcome of human diseases (e.g., clinical epidemiology). This category also includes research related to health care delivery (e.g., health services, health IT).
- [Basic/Translational Research](#): Research with a primary goal of understanding basic biology or disease mechanisms. This category can involve animal subjects, cell culture, human biospecimens or human data as resources for laboratory- or informatics-based investigation.

Clinical Research

Basic/Translational Research

Area of Research

Select the category that best describes your proposal's area of study.

Select ▼

Project Title

Abstract

Provide a summary of the proposed project in 250 words or less.

Word count: 0 / 250

***Research Deliniation is only required for independent investigators with established research programs.**

Research Deliniation

Independent investigators with established research programs are required to propose aims that represent new directions. In 250 words or less, explicitly delineate how the proposed aims are unique relative to your previous lines of investigation.

Word count: 0 / 250

Digestive Health Relevance Statement

Describe the relevance of this research to human digestive health in 100 words or less. Investigators should describe how, in the short or long term, the proposed research would contribute fundamental knowledge and/or application of that knowledge to enhance digestive health or to reduce illness and disability among patients with digestive disorders.

Word count: 0 / 100

Study Population

Describe and justify your study population in 200 words or less. As appropriate based on the type of investigation, include:

- Plans for including sex as a biological variable.

- The age, sex, racial and ethnic demographics of human subjects. For studies involving human data or biospecimens, include demographics of the source population.
- The rationale for selecting a specific model system and lines thereof (for example, cell, organoid, or mouse lines).

Word count: 0 / 200

Clinical Guideline Relevance

If your project addresses any evidence gaps highlighted in an [AGA clinical guideline](#) or [clinical practice update](#), please cite the guidance document and briefly summarize those aspects of the investigation in your statement. You may use up to 150 words for this summary. Note that project relevance to clinical guidance evidence gaps is not used in the evaluation of applications.

Please leave blank if not applicable.

Word count: 0 / 150

Keywords

Provide one to five keywords that best describe the proposed research. Separate keywords with commas.

Word count: 0 / 10

Current Percent Effort

What is your current total percent effort dedicated to research?

Percent Effort on the Proposed Project

What percent effort will you dedicate to this project if you receive funding from AGA?

Institutional Review

Indicate if your project requires IRB/IACUC approval.

Note that recipients must provide institutional approval(s) from the appropriate committee(s) for use of human subjects or animals, or if approval is not necessary, documentation from the appropriate regulatory committee before funding is distributed.

- IACUC
- IRB
- Not Applicable

Other Personnel Involved in the Research

List individuals other than the principal investigator (i.e., applicant) who are involved in the project (e.g., collaborators and other key personnel), their degrees/credentials and institution, and a brief description (1-3 sentences) of their specific role within the project.

Note: Biosketches of key collaborators and personnel must be uploaded in the final section of this application (Required Uploads).

People

Action

No People have been added. Click on Add Person below.

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***Mentor information is only required for early-career investigators.**

Early-career investigators are required to have a mentor who supervises the applicant's research activities.

A NIH biographical sketch is required for the mentor. In the personal statement section of their biosketch, mentors should describe their relationship with the applicant and their role in the proposed research project.

Note: Award funds are intended to support the applicant. Therefore, requests for salary, fringe benefits, or other support for the mentor are not allowed.

Mentor's First Name

Middle Initial

Mentor's Last Name

Mentor's Degree(s)

Mentor's Position/Title

Does the mentor work at the same institution as the applicant?

- Yes, the applicant and mentor work at the same institution.
- No, the mentor is at a different institution.

Mentor's Institution Name

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Instructions for Applicants

Upload all documents outlined below as PDF files. Individual documents may not exceed 25 MB. Clearly mark each document with a section header at the top of the first page (e.g., "LastName_SpecificAims").

Follow the page limits and formatting guidelines provided in the Application Questions section of [AGA's Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

Applications missing any of the required documents will automatically become ineligible for review.

1. Specific Aims

The specific aims are limited to one page.

No file chosen

2. Research Plan

The research plan is limited to three pages and should include three distinct subsections:

1. Significance.
2. Innovation.
3. Approach (you may include preliminary data in this section).

The research plan should include sufficient information to evaluate your proposed project independent of any other documents submitted with your application.

No file chosen

3. References

There is no page limit for your list of references. Use the [formatting style](#) of the journal *Gastroenterology*.

No file chosen

4. Budget

Use the [AGA budget template](#). Complete a budget for the full term of the award and adhere to the guidelines noted below on allowable and unallowable costs.

This award is intended to support direct research-related activities and may be used to support a new endeavor or an ongoing basic or clinical research project.

The following expenses are allowable:

- Salary and benefits of the principal investigator (i.e., applicant).
- Salary and benefits of research assistants, laboratory technicians or other non-faculty personnel.
- Biostatistics support.
- Supplies, animals, equipment and/or other materials necessary for the proposed research.

The following expenses are not allowed:

- Salary and benefits of the mentor.
- Indirect costs.
- Travel costs.

No file chosen

5. Budget Justification Narrative

There is no page limit for the budget justification.

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6. Research Facilities and Resources

Using the [AGA Facilities and Resources template](#), describe existing institutional facilities and resources that will be leveraged to support the proposed project. There is no page limit.

No file chosen

***Biosketch and Letter of Support upload fields will differ slightly, based on the applicant's eligibility.**

7. PI Biographical Sketch

Use the [NIH Biographical Sketch](#) format and adhere to the limit of five pages.

No file chosen

8. Other Support

List all active and pending research support. Follow guidance for [NIH PHS 398 Other Support](#) and use their [sample document](#) for formatting. Refer to the NIH's sample. Upload as a PDF file. There is no page limit.

No file chosen

9. Other Biographical Sketches

This section is for biosketches of the mentor and all key collaborators and personnel.

A biosketch for the research mentor is required. In the Personal Statement section, the mentor should describe their relationship with the applicant and their role in the proposed research.

Use the [NIH Biographical Sketch](#) format. Each biosketch is limited to five pages. All biosketches should be combined into a single PDF for upload.

No file chosen

10. Sponsor's Letter of Support

Provide a letter of support from the applicant's research sponsor. This letter of institutional commitment from the applicant's division chief or department chair must verify the award is being used to provide the applicant with protected time for research, that the institution will provide adequate laboratory space and/or other supporting facilities, and that the institution and the applicant will adhere to the terms of the award, including timely and accurate reporting of the awardee's research activities following AGA's progress and financial reporting requirements.

If the applicant's position is not clearly identifiable as a faculty-level position (i.e., anything other than instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, or professor), the sponsor should clearly indicate that the applicant's position is a faculty-level position.

Limit the letter to one page.

Choose File No file chosen

11. Mentor's Letters of Support

Provide a letter of support from the applicant's research mentor outlining their specific plans for the applicant's research career development. Limit the letter to two pages.

Choose File No file chosen

12. Additional Letters of Support

Applicants may also submit letters of support verifying commitments, such as from key collaborators. Each letter of support is limited to one page. Combine all additional letters of support into a single PDF for upload.

Choose File No file chosen