

# The Milstein Medical Asian American Partnership Foundation Fellowship Award in Skin Disease

In connection with the **Milstein Medical Asian American Partnership (MMAAP) Foundation's** committed support of outstanding medical research related to diseases of the skin and promotion of skin health, we invite the submission of applications from Chinese dermatologists and skin biologists for a Fellowship Award to support one-year training at a prominent sponsoring institution in the US. MMAAP Foundation will provide the sole support for these initiatives. The aim of the program is to build enduring partnership between the US and Asia through training of future Chinese academic leaders and to encourage long-term collaborations between the two regions. The award will provide support for one fellow in the amount of USD 60,000 accompanied by a grant of USD 25,000 to the sponsoring US institution. These funds will be distributed to the sponsoring US institution. Indirect costs are not allowed.

The individual must have a career goal to be a distinguished researcher focusing on the challenges of skin biology and diseases. The successful application should include an innovative research proposal and commitment to the development of a long term partnership between the Chinese home institution and the US sponsoring institution.

## ELIGIBILITY:

Chinese applicants should come from major medical centers with demonstrated excellence in dermatology and research; at the rank of Instructor or above by the application deadline; an MD or PhD within the specialty of dermatology; research experience of at least 5 years with a distinguished publication record; commitment to research and academics; demonstrated leadership skills and excellent English speaking proficiency. The ideal candidate should be coming from China at the beginning of the funding period by the MMAAP Foundation; while applicants who are working, studying or training in the US or have plans to visit the US under another program at the time of application may apply, they must disclose such information in the application. After application submission, applicants must provide updates to the MMAAP Foundation if there are any changes in their professional or personal situation. It is not allowed to submit the same application for multiple awards in the same year.

## CONTENTS OF APPLICATION:

All applications should be prepared in one PDF document with contents in the following order. They should have both Chinese and English versions:

- 1) **Title page** including applicant's name, name of applicant home institution, title of proposal and name of the US sponsoring institution. **Title page and checklist** (containing both Chinese and English) can be downloaded from the website [www.mmaapf.org](http://www.mmaapf.org).
- 2) **A letter from the applicant stating:**
  - a) career goals and plans for achieving these goals
  - b) the relevance of the MMAAP Foundation fellowship to achieve these goals
  - c) plan for collaboration and partnership building
  - d) acknowledgement of the requirement to submit periodic progress reports (written in layman's language) during the grant period and within 4 months of finishing the fellowship
  - e) acknowledgement of the requirement to list **MMAAP Foundation** support in all presentations and publications
  - f) Acknowledgement to keep **MMAAP Foundation** informed of current and future dates of presentations and/or publications
- 3) **A curriculum vitae** (up to 6 pages) including date of birth, education, training, academic appointments, key publications, and other research support
- 4) **Three letters of recommendation.** One must be from the

President of applicant's home institution, the second from the Chair of applicant's home department, and the third from an independent colleague. These letters must evaluate a) research quality and commitment of the applicant and his/her department; b) applicant's ability to write and speak English; c) Willingness to continue the research project after returning to China and collaboration with the US sponsoring institution; d) a guaranteed faculty position at applicant's home institution after returning to China; e) sufficient time to reestablish the applicant's research program so that they can be functioning to resume their investigations within 6 months; f) guaranteed access to facilities and support allowing applicant to continue the research begun in the US without interruption. This includes provision of consumable supplies and access to necessary equipment.

- 5) **It is advised to have a letter from the host US institution and CV of the faculty who is responsible for the fellowship**, to acknowledge accepting the applicant to work on the project detailed in this application. If the applicant cannot identify US mentor/host institution, s/he is advised to review the list of experts and their research areas on the Foundation's website (this information will be updated periodically based on availability) and identify a US mentor/host institution. If this is not successful, the Foundation will try to help identify US mentor/host institution for outstanding application. However, funding for such application is contingent to the availability of US mentor/host institution.
- 6) **A research proposal** (3-5 pages including references) prepared by the applicant detailing the title, aims, significance, approach, and projected results. The proposal must be typed in **Arial 11 pt. type with 1-inch margins**. Application for human and/or animal use to the US sponsoring Institutional Review Board or its equivalent should be submitted by the deadline and approved before funding can be started.

## DEADLINE:

**Deadline for receipt of application is midnight December 1, 2016 (China time). The award will be announced with funding available in early 2017.** Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications need to be uploaded to [www.mmaapf.org](http://www.mmaapf.org). Please contact [mia@mmaapf.org](mailto:mia@mmaapf.org) or call +1 (212) 850 – 4505 with any questions.

## PEER REVIEW PROCESS:

Applications (Chinese version) will be first reviewed by Chinese experts in dermatology. The selected top applications (English version) will then be reviewed by a designated committee of American Skin Association. One application with the highest quality will be selected through this two-step peer review process with final approval by the MMAAP Foundation.

## ABOUT THE MMAAP FOUNDATION, A 501 (c)(3) NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Foundation was established by the Milstein family to contribute to the improvement of world health by developing mutually beneficial partnerships between the United States and Asia. Its goal is to bring together and fund exchanges between the best medical and research talent and institutions of both regions and to produce medical and scientific progress with integrity and efficiency.