



The Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Foundation

Research Scholar Award Program

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Introduction

The Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Foundation (JMNMF) established the Research Scholar Award Program in 2006. The program's primary objective is to give recognition and support to outstanding graduate students, and their institutions, that are actively involved in melanoma research. Additionally, this award program will encourage the best and brightest of our young scientists to make melanoma research the focus of their academic training and career path. The program offers financial support by means of cash awards that recognize outstanding research efforts in the field of melanoma. The amount of the award is based on the availability of funds from fundraising activities of the Foundation and special grants.

The recognition given to these outstanding graduate students and their research institutions will not only directly benefit them, but also serve as another opportunity to disseminate information regarding the disease of melanoma disease and the efforts underway to finding a cure.

About the Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Foundation

The Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Foundation is a non-profit public charity founded in January, 2004 to foster education, advocacy and research. In just over five-years, the Foundation has grown dramatically to become an influential voice in the melanoma community and is now established as a national, and international, "voice for melanoma prevention, detection, care and cure."

The Foundation's origin is woven from the touching memories of an exceptional woman and her challenging journey with this deadly disease; which she battled for over 25 years...finally losing that battle in March 2003. The Foundation was formed and carries on her legacy.

Eligibility Requirements

The program is open to all graduate students conducting melanoma research at either NCI Designated Centers and/or premier research institutional members of the Association of American Cancer Institutes with melanoma research underway.

Previous individual recipients of the Award are not re-eligible in a consecutive program years.

Application Process

Applicants must submit the standard form, a copy of which is included with this package, and may be reproduced as needed.

In addition to the aforementioned application eligibility requirements, the following items must accompany each application:

1. A brief description of at least one research project in which the applicant has participated, **limited to one to two pages**;
2. Letter of recommendation from the lab director or administrator;
3. A current resume limited to key academic and professional experience, **void of publications listed earlier than 2008**; and,
4. A brief narrative on future plans after receiving doctorate.

Time Table

2009/2010

November 1 st	Applications available
January 15 th	Application period closes
March 15 th	Awards announced
March 31 st	Awards presented
July 15 th	Initial progress report due
November 30 th	Final progress report due

“The voice for melanoma prevention, detection, care and cure!”

Review/Award Process

All applications and supporting papers become the property of the Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Foundation and will not be returned.

A special committee of appointed members from the JMNMF Medical Advisory Board and Board of Directors will conduct the review process in early 2010. The committee, at its sole discretion, will determine the recipient(s) of the award.

All financial awards will be made out directly to the research institution denoting the research student scholar award recipient, but can be utilized to defray the student's personal graduate academic expenses, applied directly to the specified research program budget, or a combination of both student and specific program needs. This determination will remain between the awarded student scholar and the institution and will not be part of the award decision process, but must be included in the required post-award reporting. The awarded applicant or institution shall have the sole responsibility(ies) for administering and complying with any applicable income tax considerations.

The Foundation respectfully requests an appropriate award presentation be made and published in the institution's periodicals or other internal and external communications denoting the JMNMF as the source for the "Research Scholar Award". Copies of same and a photo of the student research scholar and the institution or laboratory director, should be sent to the Foundation electronically within 15-days of award. The Foundation will feature the scholar and institution in Foundation publications and general news release, in addition to collaboration with the institution on creating a joint-press release.

**The Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Foundation
Research Scholar Award
Application**

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone#: _____ Evening Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Educational Background:

Currently Pursuing (*one page*):

Special Recognition/Awards (*please be brief*):

Research Experience (*please limit to one page*):

Institution Information: (To be completed by Lab Director)

Institution's
Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone#: _____

Lab Director's Name: _____

Phone#: _____ Ext.: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Brief, one-page description of current melanoma research program:

Research Project Information: (To be completed by Lab Director; please limit to one page)

Project Name: _____

Description: _____

Objectives/Expected Outcomes: _____

General Time Line:

Applicant's Position in Project: _____

Signature Page

I have read and understand the requirements of the Research Scholar Award Program and meet the eligibility requirements as defined.

I agree to supply any and all information required.

Applicant's Name – Please Print

Lab Director's Name – Please Print

Applicant's Signature

Lab Director's Endorsement

Date

Date