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The Scleroderma Foundation is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving the needs and interests of persons with scleroderma. The Foundation's network of 20 chapters and over 170 support groups help carry out its mission of support, education, and research.

The Foundation is interested in fostering the development of innovative and high quality research by new and established investigators in fields related to scleroderma.

Three distinct research grants are being offered - the Scleroderma Foundation New Investigator Grant, the Scleroderma Foundation Established Investigator Grant and the Multi-Center Collaborative Research Grant (SCORE).

The Scleroderma Foundation's **New Investigator Grant** is for new investigators who hold faculty or equivalent positions and who wish to pursue a career in research related to scleroderma. This grant will support promising research that is likely to lead to individual research project grants and is designed to facilitate the entry of new investigators into this area of research. Applicants may request up to \$50,000 per year for up to three years not to exceed \$150,000.

The Scleroderma Foundation's **Established Investigator Grant** is for established investigators both inside and outside the field of scleroderma research who wish to propose pilot studies to obtain preliminary data dealing with a highly innovative and/or highly relevant theme related to scleroderma. This grant will support pilot research that is likely to lead to more substantial research pilot grants from federal or non-federal sources. Applicants may request up to \$75,000 per year for up to two years not to exceed \$150,000. International applicants are eligible to apply only for the Established Investigator Grant.

The **SCORE** grant is to support and enhance collaborations between two or more Scleroderma Centers to advance significant research on scleroderma. It is for collaborative basic, translational or clinical research projects involving two or more Scleroderma Foundation Centers at different institutions. The project must clearly state the proposed impact and significance of the research. Investigators must demonstrate the synergy and added value of the proposed collaboration, i.e., "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts." Applicants may request up to \$500,000 for 2 years.

Grant Application Procedures

- *The application receipt deadline is September 15th annually.*
- *Proposal reviews are conducted in December.*
- *Announcement of awards are made in December or January.*
- *Grants begin in April.*
- *Eligibility: Applications may be submitted by domestic nonprofit organizations, public and private such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories. Foreign organizations and institutions are only eligible for Established Investigator Grants. New Investigator Grants may not be used to support thesis or dissertation research or fellowship training. Applicants must have a doctorate degree in Medicine, Osteopathy, Veterinary Medicine, or one of the sciences and must have completed a postdoctoral fellowship by the grant award date. Applicants for Established Investigator Grant must have been a Principal Investigator on grants from either the Scleroderma Foundation or other national, private or government agencies.*
- **For more detailed information, including date updates and application procedures, please visit www.scleroderma.org or call the national office at 800-722-4673 or via email at research@scleroderma.org.**