

# 2023 AGA Research Scholar Awards

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## Principal Investigator Information

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Degree (select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MD    | <input type="checkbox"/> PhD  | <input type="checkbox"/> MBBS  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DO    | <input type="checkbox"/> DVM  | <input type="checkbox"/> MBBS  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MBChB | <input type="checkbox"/> MA   | <input type="checkbox"/> MAS   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MBA   | <input type="checkbox"/> MHS  | <input type="checkbox"/> MPH   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MS    | <input type="checkbox"/> MSHS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

## ORCID ID

Insert your ORCID iD as a full https URL. For example, the iD 1234-5678-9123-4567 is entered as:

- <https://orcid.org/1234-5678-9123-4567>

Note: If you do not already have an ORCID iD, you can create one in minutes on the [ORCID website](#).

[Open Link in New Window](#)

## 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.

## Phone Number

List a phone number with a voicemail system that 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.

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[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

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Current Position/Title

Will you have a new position/title before the start date of this award?

Yes

No

Appointment Date

Enter the date that you were, or will be, appointed to a full-time faculty or equivalent position. Applicants must have a full-time faculty position before the start date of this award in July 2023.

Current Institution

Institutional Address Line 1

Institutional Address Line 2

Institutional Address Line 3

City

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Will you hold a full-time faculty position at an institution different from your current institution by the start date of this award in July 2023?

No

Yes

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Gender

Ethnicity

Latinx or Hispanic origin

Not Latinx or Hispanic origin

I do not wish to identify my ethnicity

Race

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

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## 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).

## 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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## 1. Have you previously submitted this proposal for an AGA Research Scholar Award?

An application is considered a resubmission when the specific aims proposed are the same or largely similar to the specific aims submitted in a previous cycle.

- No, this is a new submission.
- Yes, this is a resubmission.

## 2. Type of Research

Select the category that best describes your proposed research.

- Basic/Translational Research:** Research with a primary goal of understanding basic biology or disease mechanisms. It can involve animal subjects, cell culture, human biospecimens or human data as resources for laboratory- or informatics-based investigation.
- 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**
- Clinical Research**

## 3. Area of Research

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

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## 4. Project Title

## 5. Abstract

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

Word count: 0 / 250

## 6. 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

## 7. 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

## 8. Clinical Guideline(s) Relevance

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

Word count: 0 / 150

### 9. Is your proposal relevant to any of these topical areas?

All eligible applicants are considered for available AGA Research Scholar Awards, which are not restricted to any area of study relevant to digestive health.

View full requests for applications on the [AGA awards page](#).

- Gastric cancer
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease

### 10. Keywords

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

Word count: 0 / 10

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### 11. Current Percent Effort

What is your current total percent effort dedicated to research?

### 12. Percent Effort on the Proposed Project

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

### 13. 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

### 14. 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, email, and a brief description of their specific role within the project (2-3 sentences). You may include up to six (6) key personnel in the table; if you need to list additional personnel, please upload a PDF listing those individuals below (12.a).

Mentors do not need to be included here; their information is provided on the next page.

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

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Personnel

Action

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No Personnel have been added. Click on Add Individual below.

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## Add Individual

### 14.a. Additional Other Personnel

Should you need to report collaborators or other key personnel involved in the project beyond the limits of the table, upload a PDF listing their names, degrees/credentials, institutions, emails, and brief descriptions of their specific roles.

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## Mentor's Information

Investigators applying for a Research Scholar Award are required to have a scientific mentor to supervise their research activities.

A biographical sketch is required for the mentor, along with a letter of support that outlines how the mentor will contribute to the investigator's research career development during the award period. Specific details to include in the letter of support are outlined in the *Required Uploads* section of the application.

Applicants may have co-mentors or multi-mentor teams. A biographical sketch is required for each mentor, though the co- or multi-mentors must collaborate on a single letter of support. Please do not list collaborators as mentors. Please only list multiple mentors when they are equally sharing mentorship roles, and list a single mentor when one individual takes on the primary mentorship role.

### Do you have more than one mentor?

Please contact AGA staff at [awards@gastro.org](mailto:awards@gastro.org) if you have more than three mentors.

- No.
- Yes, two mentors total.
- Yes, three mentors total.

Mentor's First Name

Mentor's Middle Name

Mentor's Last Name

Mentor's Degree(s)

Separate each additional degree with a comma.

Mentor's Position/Title

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

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

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## Instructions for Applicants

You must upload all documents below as PDF files. Individual files may not exceed 25 MB. Clearly mark each document with a section header at the top of the first page (e.g., LastName\_ResearchPlan).

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

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

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### 1. Specific Aims

The specific aims section is limited to one page. Follow the formatting guidelines provided in the Application Questions section of [AGA's Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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### 2. Research Plan

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

- Significance.
- Innovation.
- Approach (including any relevant preliminary data).

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

Please confirm that all text, including on figures and tables, is legible at 100% zoom.

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### 3. References

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

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#### 4. Budget

Use the [AGA budget template](#). There is a tab in the template for each year of the three-year award. You must submit a budget for each year and please confirm all years are included after converting the worksheet to a PDF. Adhere to the guidelines noted below on allowable and unallowable costs.

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 key personnel.
- Biostatistics, informatics, core facilities or other support necessary for the proposed research.
- Supplies, animals or other materials necessary for the proposed research.
- Equipment, not to exceed \$5,000 per year.
- Travel, not to exceed \$1,500 per year.

The following expenses are not allowable:

- Salary, benefits or other support for the mentor.
- Indirect costs.

For questions related to allowable and unallowable costs, please email [awards@gastro.org](mailto:awards@gastro.org).

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#### 5. Budget Justification Narrative

There is no page limit for the budget justification. Follow the formatting guidelines provided in the Application Questions section of [AGA's Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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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.

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#### 7. PI Career Development Plan

Investigators must have a career development plan. There is a two-page limit and you must follow the formatting guidelines provided in the Application Questions section of [AGA's Frequently Asked Questions](#).

The career development plan should address:

##### 1. Career goals and objectives.

- Describe your short- and long-term career goals.
- Justify the need for the AGA Research Scholar Award by describing how it will enable you to develop and/or expand your research career.
- Provide a timeline that includes plans to apply for subsequent funding.

##### 2. Plan for career development/training activities during the award period.

- Describe the new or enhanced research skills and knowledge you will acquire as a result of the proposed award.
- Describe all structured activities that are a part of the developmental plan, such as coursework or workshops that will help you learn new techniques or develop needed professional skills.
- If coursework is included, provide course numbers (if available), descriptive titles, and the accrediting institution.
- For each activity, other than research, explain how it relates to the proposed research and to the career development plan. Include the percentage of time dedicated to each activity by year.

For additional guidance, please refer to NIH guideline [PHS 398 Career Development Award](#), Section 2, *Candidate Information and Goals for Career Development*.

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## 8. PI Biographical Sketch

Use the [NIH Biographical Sketch](#) template. The biosketch is limited to five pages.

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## 9. 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.

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## 10. Other Biographical Sketches

This section is for the biosketches of the mentor(s) and all key collaborators and personnel listed in the application.

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

Note: In their Personal Statement section, the mentor(s) must describe their relationship with the PI and their role in the proposed project.

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## 11. Mentor's Letter of Support

This section is for the letter of support from the PI's mentor(s). The mentor(s) must provide a single letter limited to three pages. The letter must outline the mentor's role and willingness to participate in the project, and explain how they will contribute to the development of the PI's research career. This letter must include:

- The nature and extent of supervision and mentoring of the PI, and commitment to the PI's development that will occur during the award period.
- A plan to transition the PI from the mentored stage of their career to the independent investigator stage by the end of the award period. Define what aspects of the proposed research project the PI will be allowed to take with him/her to start their own research program.
- Discuss expectations for publications, presentations and other developmental activities over the entire period of the proposed project.
- The PI's other institutional commitments, such as their anticipated teaching load during the award period, clinical responsibilities, committee and administrative assignments. Confirm the level of effort (as a percentage or in calendar months) that the PI will dedicate to research.
- Describe the mentor's previous experience as a mentor, including the type of mentoring (e.g., graduate students, career development awardees, postdoctoral fellows), number of persons mentored, and career outcomes.

Applicants with multiple mentors are limited to a single mentor letter that conforms to the three page limit. All mentors should collaborate on and co-sign the letter of support.

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## 12. Division/Department Letter of Support

This section is for the letter of institutional support from the PI's sponsor (typically a division chief or department chair). The letter must not exceed one page and must verify that:

- The award will be used to provide the PI with protected time for research.
- The institution will provide adequate laboratory space and/or other supporting facilities.
- The institution and the PI 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.

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## 13. Additional Letter(s) of Support

Investigators may also submit additional letters of support, for example, to verify commitments from key collaborators.

Each letter is limited to one page. If submitting multiple additional letters of support, combine them all into one PDF for upload.

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## 14. Eligibility Exemption

If you received an eligibility exemption from AGA, upload the exemption letter.

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