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Thank you for your interest in applying for an AGA pilot research award. All applicants must be AGA members at the time of application. To retrieve your AGA member number, log in to www.gastro.org or call 301-654-2055.

Your AGA Member Number

Eligibility Screening Questions

Do you currently hold a full-time faculty position?

Where is your current or future faculty position located?

Are you an early-career or established investigator?

AGA defines "early career" as follows:

- MD (or equivalent): No more than seven years have elapsed between the completion of clinical training (GI fellowship or equivalent) and the start date of this award (April 2020).
- PhD (or equivalent): No more than seven years have elapsed between conferment of the degree and the start date of this award (April 2020).

Investigators who exceed the "early career" criteria are considered "established." Established investigators applying for an AGA pilot research award must explicitly state how the research being proposed is different from their previous line of research.

You are eligible to apply for all 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
- MBBS
- MBChB
- MS
- MA
- MPH
- MBA
- Other (please specify)

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.

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.

Month

Year

Current Position/Title

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 2020).

Institution

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

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 (April 2020)?

New Institution

Anticipated Start Date at New Institution

New Institution Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

City

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Sex

Ethnicity

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

Race (check all that apply)

- American Indian or Native Alaskan
- Asian
- Black or African American
- 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).

Disclosures

In the space below, disclose all relevant arrangements or relationships (e.g., employment, consultancies, honoraria, stock ownership or options, grants or patents received, royalties, or leadership positions).

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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Is your proposal eligible and relevant to any of these topic-restricted pilot research awards? (Select all that apply.)

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

- AGA-Allergan Foundation Pilot Research Award in Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- AGA-Pfizer Pilot Research Award in Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- AGA-Allergan Foundation Pilot Research Award in Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease
- AGA-Rome Foundation Functional GI and Motility Disorders Pilot Research Award

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. It 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.

Project Title

Abstract

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

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

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 if approval(s) is required for the project, a copy of the institutional approval must be provided prior to the award start date.

- 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 of their specific role within the project (2-3 sentences).

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

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Early-career investigators are required to have a preceptor. A preceptor (i.e., scientific mentor) supervises the applicant's research activities.

A NIH biographical sketch is required for the preceptor. In the personal statement section of their biosketch, preceptors 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 preceptor are not allowed.

Preceptor's First Name

Preceptor's Middle Name/Initial

Preceptor's Last Name

Preceptor's Degree(s)

Preceptor's Position/Title

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

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

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Instructions for Applicants

All documents outlined below must be uploaded as PDF files. Individual files must not exceed 25 MB. Clearly mark each document with a section header at the top of the first page.

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.

Specific Aims

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

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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.

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References

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

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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 allowable:

- Salary and benefits of the preceptor (i.e., scientific mentor).
- Indirect costs.
- Travel costs.

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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 page](#).

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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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PI Biographical Sketch

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

No file chosen

Other Biographical Sketches

This section is for biosketches of the preceptor (i.e., scientific mentor) and all key collaborators and personnel.

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

Note: In the Personal Statement section, the preceptor must describe their relationship with the applicant and their role in the proposed project.

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Letters of Support

Each letter of support is limited to one page. All letters of support should be combined into a single PDF for upload.

Applicants must submit the following letters of support:

1. A letter of institutional commitment from the candidate's division chief or department chair. This letter must verify that the award is being used to provide the candidate with protected time for research, that the institution will provide adequate laboratory space and/or other supporting facilities, and that the institution and the candidate 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.
2. A letter from the preceptor (i.e., scientific mentor) outlining their involvement with the research and specific plans for the applicant's research career development.

Applicants may also submit additional letters of support verifying commitments aside from those listed above, such as from key collaborators.

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I consent to receive emails from AGA on research awards and other updates via email or post

AGA values your personal information and has processes in place to keep your details secure. Any parties that we may share your data with are obligated to do the same and will only use it to fulfill relevant services they provide you on our behalf. You can opt out at any time by contacting member@gastro.org.

Yes

No

I consent to have my data shared with select AGA partners and third parties.

You can opt out at any time by contacting member@gastro.org.

Yes

No

I have read and agree to AGA's Privacy Policy.

AGA's Privacy Policy can be accessed at www.gastro.org/privacy-policy.

Yes, I have read and agree to AGA's Privacy Policy.

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