



## Young Investigator Travel Award 2020 National Conference on Hydrocephalus

Applications are being solicited by the Hydrocephalus Association for the Young Investigator<sup>1</sup> Travel Awards to attend the 2020 National Conference on Hydrocephalus. The 2020 National Conference on Hydrocephalus is a biennial event that brings together renowned clinicians, scientists, and the hydrocephalus patient community. This award encourages young hydrocephalus researchers to attend the National Conference, meet individuals affected by the condition and their families, interact with leading clinicians and scientists, and improve their understanding of hydrocephalus and the needs of this community.

[2020 National Conference on Hydrocephalus](#)

June 25-27, 2020

[Westin Houston, Memorial City](#)

Award recipients will be required to:

- Register for and Attend the Full National Conference (June 25-27);
- Give a short presentation during the Robert Pudenz Plenary Session (June 26); and
- Design and present a poster immediately after the Robert Pudenz Plenary Session (June 26)

### Application Details

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a Young Investigator<sup>1</sup> at the time of application submission.\*
- Be actively conducting hydrocephalus research in the United States or Canada.
- Be a member of the Hydrocephalus Association Network for Discovery Science.

To create a HANDS account, please visit: <http://hands.hydroassoc.org/>.

*\*Previous awardees are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to new applicants.*

Application Components:

[Please click here to access the application.](#) Submit to all components to [research-loi@hydroassoc.org](mailto:research-loi@hydroassoc.org)

- Technical Summary
- Lay Summary
  - Please note that the lay summary will be reviewed and scored by people affected by hydrocephalus (patients and family members). [Click here for some helpful tips on writing a lay summary.](#)
- Letter of support from mentor

Award Funding:

This award is intended to cover travel and registration costs for the 2020 National Conference on Hydrocephalus. On the application, applicants will be required to indicate if they are applying for regional<sup>2</sup> or national<sup>3</sup> travel.

#### Funding Details

##### Regional Travel<sup>2</sup>

\$1,000 Travel, hotel, & full conference registration

##### National Travel<sup>3</sup>

\$1,500 Travel, hotel, & full conference registration

1. Young Investigator: Defined as an undergraduate student, graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, medical fellow or other student who has not completed his/her terminal degree.

2. Regional Travel: Place of residence 150 miles of venue

3. National Travel: Place of residence >150 miles of venue



Applications must be received before **5:00 PM (local time) on Wednesday, October 23, 2019**. Awardees will be contacted in January, 2020. For additional information, please contact Jenna Koschnitzky, PhD at [research@hydroassoc.org](mailto:research@hydroassoc.org) or 240.483.4540.

All applications must be submitted in English. The award amount is fixed and may not cover all costs associated with traveling and attending the National Conference. The funding will be distributed directly to the award recipient. The award provides no institutional overhead. HA anticipates granting 10-15 awards. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously received the award.

### Submission Information

#### Application Deadline: October 23, 2019

Completed applications, including mentor letter of support, must be submitted as a single PDF document **on October 23, 2019 by 5:00 pm (local time)**. Completed applications should be emailed to [research-loi@hydroassoc.org](mailto:research-loi@hydroassoc.org).

Late applications will not be accepted and the deadline will not be waived.

Application Submission Deadline:	October 23, 2019, 5:00 pm (local time)
Review:	December 2019
Awardee(s) selected:	January 2020

If, after reviewing these application instructions, assistance is needed in preparing the application, contact the HA National Director of Research Programs:

Phone: 240.483.4540

Email: [research@hydroassoc.org](mailto:research@hydroassoc.org)

#### Review Process

The technical summary will be reviewed for scientific merit by the HA National Director of Research Programs. All applications that are deemed scientifically sound will be passed to Patient Partner Committee members. The lay summary and letter of support will be reviewed and scored by individuals in the Patient Partner Committee, which is composed of people affected by hydrocephalus (i.e., people with hydrocephalus, caregivers, family members). Scores will then be combined and averaged. The top scoring applications will be selected until available funding is exhausted.

#### Technical Summary

The following will be taken into consideration:

- Scientific merit of the project (appropriate design, analysis, conclusions)
- Clear connection to hydrocephalus

#### Lay Summary

The following will be taken into consideration for scoring:

- Project is clearly described for a lay audience
- Project is interesting/impactful to people affected by hydrocephalus

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- Applicant is strongly supported by his/her mentor

The number of awards will depend on the quality of the applications received, available funds, and the research priorities determined by the Hydrocephalus Association in light of the hydrocephalus research landscape.

### **Format Specifications for all application components**

[Click here to view and download the application components](#)

- **Use provided template. Do not alter header, footer, or margins.**
- Type applications in black ink using a standard, readable font such as Arial, Helvetica, Palatino, Garamond or Times New Roman with a font size of 11 points or larger. Symbol fonts may be used to insert Greek letters or special characters.
- Submit as a single PDF Document to the Director of Research Programs ([research@hydroassoc.org](mailto:research@hydroassoc.org))

#### **1. Contact Information**

Contact information includes the main identifying information for the application including applicant's name and household contact information, institution name, and mentor name and institution. Please use the PDF document provided.

#### **2. Travel and Conference**

Please indicate if you are applying for Regional<sup>2</sup> or National<sup>3</sup> travel. Please use the PDF document provided.

#### **3. Technical Summary**

This section is the opportunity to describe your project to a scientific audience. Please include the objective, methods, statistical analysis, results, and conclusions. Please use the PDF document provided. Stay within the space provided.

#### **4. Lay Summary**

This section is the opportunity to describe your project to the hydrocephalus lay community. Please include the reason(s) why you are doing the project, the short term goal(s) of the project, the methods you are using, the results of the project, and the long-term goals of your research. Please use the PDF document provided. Stay within the space provided.

#### **5. Letter of Support**

Please provide a letter of support from a mentor on institutional letterhead. The letter should highlight the applicant's scientific integrity, work ethic, dedication to hydrocephalus research, and potential for a successful research career. The letter of support may be sent as a separate PDF to [research-loi@hydroassoc.org](mailto:research-loi@hydroassoc.org) or as part of the application. Please do not include more than one letter of support.

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