THE 2017 DAVID LEHR RESEARCH AWARD

Information about the Award:

The ASPET-David Lehr Research Award is intended to extend funding for preclinical or clinical research directed towards improving human health. This biennial award is made possible by an endowment to ASPET from Mrs. Lisa Lehr in honor of her husband, the late Dr. David Lehr, former Chair of the Department of Pharmacology for New York Medical College.

The award will be given to current ASPET members in good standing of at least 45 years of age on the date of submission of the proposal whose research, either preclinical or clinical, may introduce novel pharmacologic approaches or technologies focusing on advancing human health care, and have a clear need for such funding to maintain research productivity.

The following conditions may apply leading to submission of an award proposal:

1) an investigator who requires "bridging" funds to enhance a grant application for competitive renewal;
2) an investigator who has a research project currently supported by a "no cost extension" and desires additional funds to enhance a grant resubmission; or
3) an investigator who desires funds to acquire preliminary data in support of a new grant submission.

An investigator may submit one (1) application per award cycle of the ASPET- David Lehr Research Award. The applicant must be the Principal Investigator of the award proposal submitted. Selection of the award recipient will be made by a committee appointed by the President of ASPET and composed of ASPET Council, ASPET Division Officers, and/or other ASPET members who bring specific or selective expertise related to the topic of the award proposal.

This is a two-year award, consisting of two payments of $50,000 per year (a total of $100,000 for two years). The money must be used to support research activities for which there is a gap in funding or for the purpose of acquiring preliminary data to support the submission of a new grant proposal. The award will NOT support Facilities and Administrative costs or travel. The purchase of large equipment may be covered, but this must be justified in the application. The award may be used to support the salaries of postdoctoral fellows or research staff whose efforts are directed toward the aims of the proposal (see proposal form for justification for all personnel). Awards will be made to the employing institution of the Principal Investigator (PI) for the sole use by the PI. All publications resulting from the award must acknowledge the ASPET–David Lehr Research Award as a source of funding.

The application for the award will be evaluated based on the criteria [1-5] listed below.

1) **Significance.** Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field?
2) **Investigator(s)**. Are the PI and other collaborators well suited to the project and has the PI demonstrated need for the award?
3) **Approach**. Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project?
4) **Need.** Does the applicant have a demonstrated need for funding keeping in mind the intent of the award?
5) **Feasibility.** Is the proposed research feasible given the funding and duration provided by the award?

ENDORSEMENTS

Project Title:

Name:

School:

Check one:

- ◯ **Full-Time, Tenured**
- ◯ **Full-Time faculty, Tenure Track**
- ◯ **OTHER**

Signature of Applicant: **Date:**

Applicant's Signature

ENDORSEMENT OF DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN / UNIT HEAD

As Chairman of the Department (or relevant unit) of , I endorse this application and the information provided in the online application form*.

Dept. Chairperson's Signature: **Date:**

Dept. Chairperson's Signature

Institutional Officer: **Date:**

Signature

* Description of the award can be found at https://www.aspet.org/awards/aspet/lehr/ . To obtain a copy of the completed online application form, please contact the applicant who can download it as a PDF for your review. For technical assistance, please contact awards@aspet.org or (301) 634-7989.