

## Trauma Research Scholarship Application Instructions

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The Trauma Research Scholarship is designed to support early-career investigators conducting basic or applied trauma-related research. The scholarship is aimed at projects with sufficient potential to attract further funding once initial studies are produced and published (e.g., basic science, clinical, epidemiology, injury prevention, burns). The scholarship amount is \$40,000 for one (1) year only.

### Eligibility Criteria:

1. **Research Focus:** The scholarship supports basic or applied trauma-related research. Eligible projects include but are not limited to, basic science, clinical, epidemiology, injury prevention, and burns.
2. **Applicant Requirements:**
  - Applicants must be within five years of completing their residency or fellowship in trauma, acute care surgery, or critical care.
  - The applicant must have completed graduate medical education prior to the start of the award period.
3. **Citizenship/Residency:** Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or Canada and demonstrate a commitment to an academic career in trauma research in the U.S. or Canada.
4. **Funding Restrictions:**
  - This is a career development award intended for young investigators who have not received National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding (other than a national Research Service Award).
  - If the applicant has received similar career development funding from organizations such as the American College of Surgeons, the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, or other listed associations, they are not eligible for the award.
5. **Other Funding:** This proposal may be submitted to other funding sources. However, if the investigator receives more than one funding award, only one source of funding may be accepted.
6. **EAST Membership:** Membership in EAST is not required for application. However, applicants must identify a mentor with expertise in the research area to provide academic and scientific leadership. If both the applicant and mentor are not EAST members, a sponsor who is an active EAST member must be identified.
7. **Scholarship Year:** The scholarship year runs from July 1 to June 30.

### Additional Requirements:

1. **IRB/IACUC Approval:**
  - Finalists must provide information regarding the status of their Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) applications at the time of submission.
  - Finalists must indicate whether IRB/IACUC applications have been approved, submitted, or not submitted.
2. **Documentation of Approval:**
  - Recipients must have IRB/IACUC approval by July 1 of the year they receive the award and must submit documentation of this approval to the Research and Scholarship Committee by this date. Scholarship funds will not be awarded without this documentation.
3. **Other Scholarships:**
  - Applicants cannot hold another scholarship or award of a similar monetary value for the same study at the time the award is initiated.

### Terms of the Award:

1. **Award Payment:** The award is made to the institution only.
2. **Fund Usage:** The funds must be used for direct support of the awardee's research, but otherwise, are unrestricted.
3. **Indirect Costs:** No indirect costs will be paid to the institution.