



Alport Syndrome Foundation (ASF) has been directly funding research since 2011. Funding is provided for basic science or clinical research on Alport syndrome. Grants may be awarded and used as seed funding for the testing of initial hypothesis and the collection of preliminary data to lead to expanded funding from other funding institutions. ASF has selected not to offer a research competition in 2022, continuing its efforts from 2021 to strategically target research funds toward natural history study data collection, and to focus on specific understudied aspects of Alport syndrome.

Following is an overview of ASF's basic funding policies:

ASF provides support for direct research costs only. Indirect research costs will not be supported through ASF's Research Program. ASF considers indirect costs to include (but are not limited to) costs associated with the operation and maintenance of facilities; the management of the research process (from grant management to commercialization); and the regulation of safety and compliance (including human ethics, animal care, and environmental assessment).

ASF uses salary caps as guided by the United States' National Institutes of Health for project costs related to personnel.

ASF only considers funding for projects that, if applicable, provide proof that appropriate policies and procedures for the protection of human subjects is maintained. This includes use of informed consent and proof of current approval by an Institutional Review Board or similar oversight group.

ASF only considers funding for projects that, if applicable, conform to the regulations for the safe and humane treatment of animals. This includes proof of current approval by the Institution's Animal Use and Protection Committee (or similar oversight group).

Requirements of proposals considered for funding (by invitation only) include:

- **A list of project personnel (bio-sketch)** including their role in the project, and percentage effort that each person is expected to devote to the project.
- **Specific aims of the project** must be provided, stating both the objectives and the hypothesis to be tested.

- **A discussion of the background and significance of the work proposed**, including a critical evaluation of previous research and existing knowledge, specifically identifying the gaps the project is intended to fill.
- **A summary of the research and design methods**, describing the experimental design and methods that will be used to accomplish the specific aims. Include how data will be collected, analyzed and interpreted. Describe any new methodology and its advantage over existing techniques.
- **A project timetable.**
- **A detailed budget for the proposed project**, with narrative describing expense categories. Submit one page for the total amount requested, as well as one page for each year of funding for multi-year projects.
- **A lay abstract summarizing the project that may be used for publicity purposes.** The abstract should include a statement of what issue the project addresses; a description of why the work is important to advancing novel treatments of individuals with Alport syndrome; and a description of how the project will be accomplished.
- **Only proposals submitted in English may be considered for funding.**