



## 2025 Student Internship Award Opportunity Announcement

**Description** The objective of this grant is to support undergraduate, graduate, or medical students, residents or fellows interested in conducting research focused on alopecia areata. The goal is to enable promising young scientists and physicians to acquire additional academic or research skills to further their careers and go on to become investigators focused on improving the lives of those living with alopecia areata.

Applications related to all aspects of alopecia areata are strongly encouraged, including basic science, translational research, burden of disease, epidemiology, and clinical research.

**Eligibility** The applicant must:

- Be a student (undergraduate, graduate, or medical), resident, or fellow for the duration of the award.
- Have the endorsement of an investigator willing to host the applicant in their lab.
- Be committed to conducting a research project focused on alopecia areata.

The supervisor must:

- Be capable of mentoring the applicant during the proposed study period.
- Be affiliated with an institution capable of administering the internship.
- Have an active interest in alopecia areata research.

**Award** Awardees will receive \$5,000 as salary/stipend. Awards will be paid to and administered by the mentor/supervisor's host institution. **Indirect costs are not covered by NAAF awards.**

**Project Period** Between May 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025.

**Application** Students are encouraged to solicit labs working on alopecia areata and supervisors are encouraged to refer the opportunity to promising applicants. The expectation is that applications will be drafted through a collaborative process between student and supervisor.

Applications must be submitted by email to [grants@naaf.org](mailto:grants@naaf.org) by **11:59pm PT on Friday, February 28, 2025**. Complete applications with all accompanying materials must be submitted as a single pdf file. An application template is [available here](#).

**Review Criteria** Awardees will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Relevance of project to alopecia areata
- Strength of project
- Strength of mentorship
- Strength of applicant

Note: The number of student internship awards to any one research group or laboratory may be limited to encourage broad participation. NAAF anticipates making multiple awards in 2025.

Award notifications are anticipated by **April 4, 2025**.

## Application Instructions

The following components must be included in each application.

Materials	Directions
<b>Format Specifications</b>	Applications must be written in 11pt or larger Calibri or Arial font with at least one-half inch margins. Smaller type is acceptable in figures, graphs, charts, tables, legends and footnotes. Application pages should be consecutively numbered.
<b>Face Page</b>	The Face Page includes the main identifying information for the application including: contact information for applicant and mentor/supervisor; project information including title, dates and funding request; and signatures and assurances from applicant, supervisor and designated official. A form is provided in the application packet.
<b>Project Summary</b> (2 pages or less)	Briefly describe the background, hypothesis, and specific aim(s) to be accomplished during the project period. The project summary should not exceed two pages. Also include a list of references cited (not counted towards page limit).
<b>Abstract</b> (250 words or less)	Summarize the proposed research for a non-scientific audience in a written statement. The statement should describe the research question, the aims of the project, and the project's significance. The abstract should not exceed 250 words and may include one figure. Text included in a figure will not count towards the 250-word limit.
<b>Letter of Support and Mentorship Plan</b>	A letter of support from the applicant's mentor/supervisor must be provided. This letter should describe how the supervisor will mentor the applicant, detail who will directly supervise the applicant, the frequency of meetings between the applicant and mentor and plans for the applicant to present their research. The letter of support should also describe whether additional funds are available to support the applicant's research plan.
<b>Applicant Transcripts</b>	Provide an electronic copy of the applicant's transcript from their current institution.
<b>Biographical Sketches and Curriculum Vitae</b> (3 pages or less)	Use the <a href="#">NIH format</a> to provide a biographical sketch of the proposal's mentor/supervisor, and a biographical sketch or curriculum vitae of the applicant. Do not exceed 3 pages per document.

### Questions?

Contact Lisa Anderson, Senior Director, Research at [lisa@naaf.org](mailto:lisa@naaf.org).