



# Research Fellowships & Career Development Award Program FAQs

## General Award Information

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### 1. How many research related awards are funded each year?

The number of research fellowships and career development awards may vary by year.

For 2023-2024, the ACC will accept applications for:

- ACC/ABC Merck Research Fellowship Awards Program in Cardiovascular Disease and the Metabolic Syndrome: Three (3) research fellowships at \$100K/year for one year. One of the awards will be given to a current member of the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC).

### 2. I am not currently enrolled in an accredited training program. May I apply for a research fellowship award?

No. Fellowship award applicants must be enrolled in an ACGME or AOA accredited training program.

## Award Application Process

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### 3. I am interested in submitting an application for an ACC Research Fellowship or Career Development Award program. How do I submit my application?

To submit an application for an ACCF research fellowship or career development award, please go to

<http://acc.gsubmit.net/cgi-bin/main.plex>. Applications may only be submitted via the online submission site.

### 4. What are the deadlines for the 2023-2024 Research Fellowships and Career Development Award programs?

The deadlines for the 2023-2024 program is as follows:

- ACC/ABC Merck Research Fellowship Awards - June 12, 2023

Applications must be uploaded to the ACC submission site by 11:59p.m. ET on the deadline date.

### 5. What are the formatting requirements for the project description and other supplemental documents?

The project description and other supplemental documents must be typewritten, and in typeface no smaller than 11-point font and have no more than six vertical lines per vertical inch. Margins, in all directions, must be at least ½ inch. Applicants are encouraged to use Times New Roman or Arial font. The maximum number of pages for the project description must not exceed 7 pages. Please note that failure to comply with these guidelines will result in disqualification.

### 6. Do I have to submit a projected career development plan? Or are all applicants required to submit a projected career development plan?

Yes, the projected career development plan is one of the facets on which each applicant will be evaluated. The projected career development plan should be no more than 1 page, and the letter of recommendation from your Preceptor or Mentor should corroborate the applicant's career development plan.

### 7. May I apply for an award and then defer it for a year?

No. Applicants may not defer awards. If they are selected as an awardee, they must accept and use the funding for the year in which the award was intended.

## Award Application Review & Selection Process

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### 8. Who are the members of the 2023-2024 ACC Research Fellowship Awards Committee?

The members of the 2023-2024 ACC Research Fellowship Awards Committee are as follows:

**Abhinav Diwan, MBBS, FACC, Chair**  
Washington University

**W. Gregory Hundley, MD, FACC, Chair-Elect**  
VA Commonwealth University

**Aarti Asnani, MD**  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

**Vidhu Anand, MBBS, FACC**  
Mayo Clinic

**Giorgio A. Medranda, MD, FACC**  
NYU Langone Health

**Amit R. Patel, MD, FACC**  
University of Virginia Health System

**Ujjwal Rastogi, MD**  
Cardiovascular Institute of the South

**Nishtha Sodhi, MD, FACC**  
University of Virginia

**Francisco Ujueta, MD**  
Mount Sinai Medical Center Miami Beach

**Min Xie, MD, PhD, FACC**  
University of Alabama at Birmingham

### 9. When will applicants be notified regarding the committee's decision?

The ACCF Research Fellowship Awards Committee meets annually in July to select the awardees for the funding year. Awardees and non-winners will be notified in July regarding the committee's decision.

## Accepting an Award

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### 10. What is the process for accepting a fellowship or career development award?

Those selected to receive a research fellowship or career development award program must have their institution's clinical research coordinator or director complete an acceptance form on their behalf. The form must be submitted to the ACC Research Fellowship Awards Committee's staff liaison at [awards@acc.org](mailto:awards@acc.org).

### 11. If I receive an ACC research or career development award, do I have to attend the ACC's Annual Scientific Sessions?

ACCF Fellowship and Career Development recipients are encouraged to attend the Annual Scientific Session, but it is not required. **However, awardees are required to attend the Annual Convocation that is held on Monday afternoon during the Annual Scientific Session.**

### 12. Does the College provide travel reimbursement for ACC Research Fellowship and Career Development Awardees attending the Annual Scientific Session/Annual Convocation?

Yes. The ACC does provide travel reimbursement, up to \$2,000 per awardee only. Awardees must provide original receipts in order to be reimbursed for travel-related expenses including: hotel charges, food, coach airfare, and ground transportation. Awardees will be provided with a form to itemize their expenses.

### 13. May I hold another major award research award in addition to an ACC research fellowship or career development award?

No. Awardees may not concurrently hold another major external individual fellowship or salary award, e.g. or AHA.

### 14. How much time must be spent on the funded research during the duration of the Award?

At least 75% of the Awardee's time must be dedicated to the proposed research during the duration of the Award period.

### 15. May indirect costs (overhead costs) associated with your research be applied to your ACC fellowship or career development award grant?

No. These awards do not cover research supplies, costs, or institutional overhead. These awards will furnish only a portion of the faculty members' total salary support. It is anticipated that the awardees will derive the balance of their salary support from other sources, including departmental funds.

### 16. What if I'm a member of both the ACC and the ABC? Can I apply to both?

Qualified candidate who are members of both organizations can be considered for each category; however, an applicant may only receive one monetary award.