



AAES 2024 Research Awards

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The **ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association Award for Thyroid Cancer Research** was developed by the generous support of ThyCa to promote and support thyroid cancer research by AAES members.

Applications are due March 1, 2024. Visit the [AAES website](#) or the [AAES Foundation website](#) for more details about these awards. Questions should be directed to the Chair of the Research Committee, [Dr. Benjamin James](#).

In 2024, two (2) Paul LoGerfo Research Awards will be distributed (\$15,000 each), and one (1) ThyCa Award will be distributed (\$20,000).

INSTRUCTIONS (for both awards):

The application process requires that each of the following items be emailed as one complete PDF document to the AAES Headquarters at info@endocrinesurgery.org or to the AAES Foundation Headquarters at info@aesfoundation.org.

1. The curriculum vitae for the applicant using the NIH biosketch format (5 pages max)
 - [Biosketch format instructions](#) (if needed)
2. Title page (1 page)
3. The research proposal (2 pages max)
 - Use only 11-point font with Arial or Times New Roman and 0.5-inch margins
4. Itemized Budget (1 page) - **If you are applying for both awards, you must submit two separate budgets, one for each award amount.**
5. Selection of Award Preference – You may apply for either the LoGerfo award, ThyCa award or both; however, you may not receive both awards at once.
6. IRB/ IACUC approval if research involves humans or animals. Confirmation of IRB submission for the proposed research is required at the time of submission of the proposal. Submit an electronic letter of confirmation of receipt of the IRB submission for the proposed research. If no IRB submission is required, submit a copy of the letter from the IRB explaining how the research meets criteria for IRB exemption.

Application Due Date and Scoring

The deadline for receipt of applications is **11:59PM EST, March 1, 2024**. Each application will be reviewed and scored by members of the Research Committee with final approval coming from the Executive Council.

Announcement of the Award



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The award recipients and title of the projects will be announced during the 2024 AAES Annual Meeting and in other AAES-sponsored publications.

Paul LoGerfo Research Award

A. Purpose

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The mission of the PLRA is to enrich the discipline of endocrine surgery and to advance the careers of junior investigators who are interested in a career in academic endocrine surgery. These goals will be pursued by supporting grant proposals that will broaden the horizon of endocrine surgery and advance the career-goals of junior endocrine surgeons. The PLRA welcomes proposals for support of a wide spectrum of research topics including surgical ethics, education, epidemiology, biostatistics, health care delivery, as well as clinical or basic science research pertaining to the field of endocrine surgery. The PLRA may be used for bridge or supplemental funding for research protocols with existing funding.

B. Qualifications and Requirements

Candidate AAES members or Active AAES members who completed residency and fellowship training within 5 academic years previous to the year of application are eligible to apply for the PLRA. Medical students and surgical residents are not eligible to apply. It is encouraged, but not required, that each proposal be sponsored by a more senior AAES member who falls into one of the following AAES membership categories: Active, Senior, Honorary, Corresponding, or Allied Specialist member.

In 2024, two grants will be awarded. The maximum amount of each award is \$15,000. Under special circumstances, an awardee may apply for a second year of funding; however the renewal will require a new application that will be considered with the other applications. Indirect cost policy: the monies from the PLRA may be used for direct costs only; no indirect costs may be charged against the award.

The results of the completed research are to be presented within 2 years from the funding date at the AAES annual meeting. Any work published resulting from this award must cite the award as a funding source.



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ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association Award for Thyroid Cancer Research

A. Purpose

The ThyCa Research Award was developed to promote and support thyroid cancer research by AAES members. ThyCa is a national non-profit organization of thyroid cancer survivors, family members, and health professionals, dedicated to education, communication, support, awareness for early detection, and thyroid cancer research fundraising and research grants. The ThyCa award welcomes proposals for support of a wide spectrum of research topics including surgical ethics, education, epidemiology, biostatistics, health care delivery, as well as clinical or basic science research pertaining to the field of thyroid cancer. This award may be used for bridge or supplemental funding for research protocols with existing funding.

B. Qualifications and Requirements

1. There will be one research award in the amount of \$20,000 in 2024 to support research in thyroid cancer.
2. Individuals would be new investigators that are less than 10 years from the completion of their postdoctoral fellowship and have never had independent NIH funding.
3. Faculty members (MD or PhD) are eligible in the ranks of instructor, assistant or associate professor. Medical students and surgical residents are not eligible to apply.
4. Postdoctoral non-clinical fellows are eligible if their current department or future department where they will be employed provides written confirmation at the time of the award that the applicant has a junior faculty position.
5. The funds can be used for direct costs but not PI salaries, thus documentation of salary support from Department would be required.
6. The applicant must be an AAES member or apply for membership in the year of the application, with the member committing to two years of membership if chosen for the award.
7. The applicant must be willing to present their data at a subsequent annual meeting of the AAES and provide a written report of findings and expenditures. In addition, the selected applicant will provide ThyCa with a brief bio and picture at the time of selection and provide ThyCa a brief lay summary of the investigator's research to aid in additional fundraising.
8. Awardees are required to present the completed research project within 2 years from the funding date to the AAES in a special session at the annual meeting (i.e. award announced in 2024, presentation in 2026).
9. Any work published resulting from this award must cite the award as a funding source.



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APPLICATION:

Title Page

Title of Proposal:

Applicant Name:

Applicant E-mail Address:

Institution Name:

Institution Address:

Year that residency or fellowship training was completed:

Co-investigators

AAES member sponsor (if applicable):

Total Requested for Project: \$

Does the proposal have existing funding? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please specify title of existing funding and include itemized budget for other previously funded proposal:

Does the research proposal involve human subjects? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, IRB approval date:

*Please include IRB approval letter with application submission.

Does the research proposal involve the use of animals? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, IACUC approval date:

*Please attach IACUC approval letter to application.

Note: Principal Investigator is responsible for obtaining IRB or IACUC

Have you ever been asked to leave a society or denied membership for professional or ethical reasons?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____



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PI First Name, Last Name, Degree(s): _____

Appointments

Title	Institution/Location	Dates

Other Research Support:

(Sponsor, Project Title, Project Number, PI, Project Dates, Your Effort, Annual Direct Costs)

Blank area for providing details of other research support.

Publications (use continuation page if necessary)

Blank area for listing publications.



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Research Proposal

The grant application must be typed in 11-point font with Arial or Times New Roman and 0.5-inch margins and contain the following sections in the following order. The research proposal should not exceed 2 pages.

A. Background – An overview of the research subject, its significance, prior or concurrent studies conducted, and any preliminary work the investigator has already completed on this subject

B. Hypothesis - A concisely worded statement outlining the question(s) to be answered or the premise to be investigated

C. Methods - Include a precise description of the research model as well as methods of data collection and analysis. If the study involves human subjects or animals, please specify the planned number of research subjects with an appropriate power analysis. Please include a description of the research environment (lab, private office setting, etc.), resource availability (space, equipment) and consultants/personnel if appropriate (statisticians, etc.)

D. Significance – Discuss the importance of the proposed work, especially how it will contribute to the field of endocrine surgery.

E. Future Funding and Research Plans – Please discuss plans for continuation funding for this endocrine surgery investigation

F. References - List scientific references (if pertinent) as a separate attachment (not included in the 2-page limit)

G. Confirmation of IRB Submission – Confirmation of IRB submission is required at the time of submission of the proposal. Submit an electronic letter of confirmation of receipt of the IRB submission for the proposed research. If no IRB submission is required, submit a copy of the letter from the IRB explaining how the research meets criteria for IRB exemption.

Itemized Budget

Please briefly summarize or list how the award will be spent. Travel to the AAES Annual Meeting for presentation of the completed project can be included in the budget.

Indirect costs and salary support for the grantee **and other faculty members** may not be included. However, **salary support for key personnel necessary to carry out the project (e.g., research technician, research assistant, data analyst, biostatistician) may be included.**

Please note: If you are applying for both awards, please be sure to submit two separate budgets, one for each award amount.



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DETAILED BUDGET FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD						FROM	THROUGH	
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<i>PERSONNEL (Applicant organization only)</i>		Months Devoted to Project			INST.BASE SALARY	DOLLAR AMOUNT REQUESTED (<i>omit cents</i>)		
NAME	ROLE ON PROJECT	Cal. Mnth	Acad. Mnth	Summer Mnth		SALARY REQUESTED	FRINGE BENEFITS	TOTAL
SUBTOTALS →								
CONSULTANT COSTS								
EQUIPMENT (<i>Itemize</i>)								
SUPPLIES (<i>Itemize by category</i>)								
TRAVEL								
PATIENT CARE COSTS		INPATIENT						
		OUTPATIENT						
OTHER EXPENSES (<i>Itemize by category</i>)								
DIRECT COSTS FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD							\$	



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Award Preference

Required: Please check which award you would like your application to be considered for. You may apply for either the LoGerfo award, ThyCa award or both; however, you may not receive both awards at once. If eligible for both awards, please indicate your first choice.

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ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association Award for Thyroid Cancer Research

Preference (if eligible for both): _____