



## ASGCT Award for Research on Conditions Disproportionately Affecting Minorities

### **Background and Overview**

Some conditions that disproportionately affect minorities have received lower research funding levels than other diseases relative to their prevalence in the population. ASGCT is committed to addressing these research and health care disparities by supporting gene and cell therapy research for these conditions. Therefore, the Society is initiating this \$50,000 award to support one ASGCT member in gene or cell therapy-related research on conditions disproportionately affecting minorities for one year, from November 2023 to December 2024.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Qualified applicants will have a research focus on gene and cell therapy for conditions that disproportionately affect minorities (e.g., sickle cell disease, AIDS). Candidates may be at any career stage and must be members of ASGCT or have a membership application pending. To verify your membership status, please [log in to your ASGCT account](#). **Not an ASGCT member yet? [Take the first step](#)**. An applicant must be a U.S. citizen or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence. Any visa and/or citizenship restrictions applicable to receiving the award are the responsibility of the applicant. Applicants must be employed in a noncommercial setting.

### **Application Process**

The ASGCT Award for Research on Conditions Disproportionately Affecting Minorities application documents outlined below must be submitted in **one combined PDF** to [awards@asgct.org](mailto:awards@asgct.org) with the subject line **Last Name, First Name – Research on Conditions Affecting Minorities Award Application**. Submissions after the deadline of August 1, 2023 at 11:59 pm CT will not be considered. The applicant will receive an email confirmation within 24 business hours to verify receipt of application.

### **All applications must include the following and be submitted in one combined PDF:**

1. Cover Page (limit 1 page and use the [ASGCT required template](#))
2. Applicant Personal Statement (limit 1 page)
3. Project Narrative (limit 2 pages)
4. Budget (limit 1 page)
6. Applicant NIH Biographical Sketch, CV/resume, or equivalent (limit 5 pages)

For more details about the required materials, please see the [Required Documents Checklist](#).

### **Key Dates & Deadlines**

Application Deadline	August 1, 2023 <i>by 11:59 pm CT</i>
Award Notification	November 15, 2023
Award Activation	November 30, 2023
Final Report Due, summarizing the status of the research program, including budget, program goals, and publications and presentations generated by the program.	December 20, 2024
Possible Presentation at the ASGCT 28 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Portland, OR	May 14-17, 2025

### **Evaluation and Selection**

Applications will be reviewed by members of ASGCT's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Significance, innovation, and originality of the proposed project.
- Appropriateness, feasibility, and adequacy of proposed project within the award timeline.
- Focus on basic, translational, or clinical research of gene and cell therapy for conditions that disproportionately affect minorities.
- Applicant's qualifications, experience, and commitment to a career in gene and cell therapy.
- The contribution the project results will offer to the field.

### **Terms and Conditions**

As a condition of acceptance of the Award for Research on Conditions Disproportionately Affecting Minorities, it is required that:

- All funds must be used for direct expenses associated with conducting the proposed project and are non-transferable. Please refer to our [Grant Policy Statement](#) for a list of accepted costs.
- The recipient must be a U.S. citizen or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence.
- The recipient must submit a final report and budget by the deadline.
- The recipient may be asked to present at the ASGCT Annual Meeting in the year following the award completion. Travel may be reimbursed for this invited talk according to the ASGCT reimbursement policy.
- The recipient may be asked to provide updated career and employment information so that ASGCT can track the recipient's progress following his/her award period, to maintain the ASGCT webpage regarding past winners.
- Any unused funds must be returned to ASGCT.
- The recipient must cite support from ASGCT in any publication (pre-prints, peer-reviewed manuscripts, public talks/posters, etc.) describing research conducted during the award period. When publishing, the following phrase must be included in the acknowledgements:

*"The project described was supported by an Award for Research on Conditions Disproportionately Affecting Minorities from the American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy."*

**Questions:** please email [awards@asgct.org](mailto:awards@asgct.org)