



**Our Mission:** *"To be a leader in the quest to cure ankylosing spondylitis and related diseases, and to empower those affected to live life to the fullest."*

## Spondyloarthritis Research Funding Opportunity Announcement

### SAA's Commitment to Research

Since its inception, SAA has been committed to research, from funding scientific meetings to launching the first genetic research study in the United States on ankylosing spondylitis and related diseases. Our commitment remains strong, as we have recently funded a patient registry, and a study on the microbiome in spondyloarthritis, as well as an educational MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) program to help radiologists and rheumatologists work together to hasten diagnosis.

### Research Funded by SAA

SAA prides itself on being a leader in Spondylitis support. In addition to providing grants and spreading awareness, we sponsor a number of research programs that aim to find a cure for spondylitis.

### Ad-Hoc Research Funding Requests

#### I. Purpose:

SAA receives funding requests from outside sources to support research related to spondylitis. Since SAA has limited resources for research funding (overall and given other financial needs for programs and outreach), it is imperative that any research proposals make optimal use of SAA's limited resources.

#### II. Process:

Proposals are reviewed by an Ad Hoc Research Task Force and then decided by the governing Board.

Members of the task force shall have the option of reaching out to external experts for their advice and counsel on a proposal and its subject matter.

#### III. Submission Summary (for non-Early Career Investigator Awards):

Researchers interested in applying for research grants with SAA must submit the following:

- Summary cover letter
- Research proposal (up to 10 pages) from the lead researcher including amount of funding requested, to whom the funds will be directed (entity or individual), how the funds will be used and general time frame for completion of project
- CV of researcher(s)
- Detailed budget
- Timeline for project
- At least one recommendation from an appropriate expert in the field via a one-page letter in writing
- and any appendices

Proposals must be submitted, with appropriate documentation to the CEO/CMAO by August 1 (for January decision) and February 1 (for July decision).

[www.spondylitis.org](http://www.spondylitis.org)

Submit proposals to [research@spondylitis.org](mailto:research@spondylitis.org)

Indirect costs are allowed up to 15%.

Additional guidelines for proposal budget limits, length of funding and what's required once funded:

- The budget limit is at the discretion of the CEO and the board of directors based on the scope and importance of the project or study.
- Most of our previously funded studies have been for one year. SAA will consider funded studies up to two years, but no longer.
- Once the study is initiated, quarterly reports are required for the duration of the study. A final report is to be submitted one month following the completion of the study.
- Studies are to acknowledge SAA financial support on all submitted abstracts, posters, manuscripts, presentations.