

Postdoctoral Fellowship Application

Notes:

- CV-related information, including honors and publications, is strictly limited to **no more than four pages**. References do not count toward the page limit.
- Funding support from the SRF is in the form of a grant.
- Pages of the grant application should be numbered consecutively.

TITLE OF PROJECT

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR

Name (Last, first, middle initial):

Degree(s):

Position Title:

Institution:

Department, service, laboratory, or equivalent:

Major subdivision:

Mailing address:

Telephone:

Email:

Date of proposed period of support (M/D/Y): From

Through

Budget request for initial period: \$

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Note: Submit a budget in the format and level of detail found on the NIH grant application page, "Detailed Budget for Initial Budget Period – Direct Costs Only," including personnel (salary, fringe benefits), administrative, consultant, equipment, supplies, travel, patient care, animal costs and "other" expenses. The budget may go into an appendix. Budget pages will NOT count toward the 10-page limit. The SRF will NOT pay "indirects" or overhead costs but WILL pay project expenses for all SRF grants. The sole exception to this prohibition is that the SRF will pay indirect costs of up to 7.5% of the base award amount for multi-center (including > 10 distinct clinical centers), longitudinal patient studies (with an agreement for at least >3 years of follow-up) that are intended to enroll > 1,000 scleroderma patients.

SPONSORING PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Describe commitment, availability of staff, research support and faculty for high-quality research training:

INSTITUTIONAL OFFICIAL(S) TO BE NOTIFIED IF GRANT IS MADE:

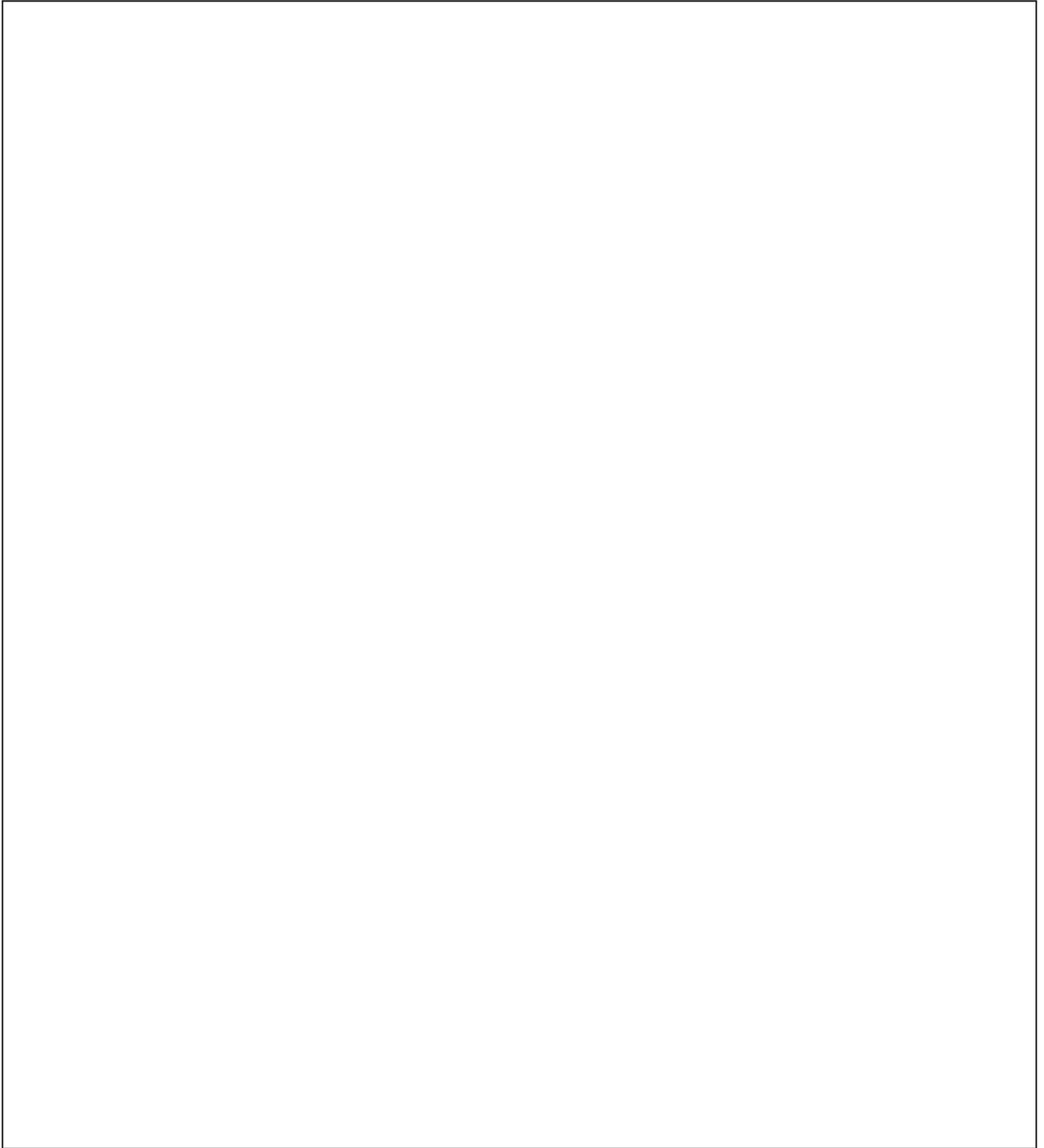
1. Name & Title: _____
Email: _____
2. Name & Title: _____
Email: _____

IF GRANT IS AWARDED, SPECIFY INSTITUTIONAL PAYEE OF THE GRANT AND ACH BANKING DETAILS FOR RECEIPT OF FUNDS:

Name of Institution: _____
Bank Name: _____
Account Name: _____
Account Number: _____
Routing Number: _____

DESCRIPTION

State the broad, long-term objectives and specific aims of the project. Describe succinctly the research design and methods for achieving these goals. Limit abstract to one page.



PROJECT INVOLVES HUMANS OR HUMAN MATERIAL: Yes No

PERFORMANCE SITE(S):

Organization	City	State
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTORS

Starting with the principal investigator, list all other key personnel in alphabetical order, including collaborators or consultants. Put biographies of contributors and letters of collaboration in an appendix.

Last Name, First Name	Organization	Role on project
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

The NIH Biosketch form is acceptable and can be inserted in the grant application. The Biosketch cannot exceed 5 pages, and it does not count toward the 10-page proposal limit.

Name	Position/Title
_____	_____
_____	_____

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Institution & Location	Degree	Year(s)	Field of Study
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

POSITION AND HONORS

List in chronological order previous positions, concluding with your present location. List other experience and professional memberships. List any honors:

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

Do not include publications submitted or in preparation.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

List ongoing or completed (during the last three years) research projects. Begin with the projects that are most relevant to the research proposed in this application. Briefly indicate the overall goals of the projects and your role (e.g., PI, Co-Investigator, Consultant) in the project.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Include three letters of recommendation from professors, researchers, and/or colleagues. The purpose of the letters is to help make a strong case for support of the qualifications of the applicant, as well as the quality/promise of the applicant’s proposed research project. Ideally, they will demonstrate that the applicant will have the support they need from colleagues and/or core facilities to accomplish the goals of the project.

RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Describe your proposal in sufficient detail for adequate evaluation by the SRF Scientific Advisory Board. Include items 1-5 below, and **do not exceed ten pages** for items 1-4, including figures and tables. Font size can be no smaller than 10 pt. (12 pt. if Times or Times New Roman is used). Proposal must include:

1. **Specific aims.** What do you intend to accomplish? What hypothesis is to be tested?
2. **Background and significance.** Why is the research important? Specifically identify the possible contributions your investigation may make to existing knowledge in the field of scleroderma research.
3. **Preliminary studies.** What has already been done in this area of study?
4. **Research design and methods.** Describe in detail the experimental design, the process to be used, and manner in which the data will be analyzed. Do not include details of established laboratory procedures.
5. **Literature cited.** Only cite references pertinent to the proposal.

CONCURRENT SUBMISSION OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL

List other non-governmental organizations where you have submitted or intend to submit a similar application:

I have not submitted nor do I intend to submit a similar application to any other non-governmental organization.

TO SUBMIT APPLICATION (DUE MARCH 31, 2026)

Ship two (2) hard copies of the signed, completed application, research proposal, relevant appendix material, and three letters of recommendation to:

Grant Applications
Scleroderma Research Foundation
220 Montgomery St., Suite 484
San Francisco, CA 94104

Use of a trackable carrier service to ensure receipt by the SRF office and be sure that materials will arrive by Tuesday, March 31, 2026 is recommended, but **please do not require a signature**. For questions, email: grants@srfcure.org

AND email a combined PDF of your signed completed application, research proposal, relevant appendix material, and three letters of recommendation to grants@srfcure.org by Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

After reviewing your application form and research proposal, the Scleroderma Research Foundation may request more details, if needed, to make an accurate judgment of the merits of the application.

I certify that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties and may result in the cancellation of any grant awarded as a result of this application. I agree to accept responsibility for the scientific conduct of the project, provide the required progress reports, and attend the SRF's annual Scientific Workshop to present my research if a grant is awarded as a result of this application.

Signature of Postdoctoral Fellow: _____ **Date:** _____

I certify that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and accept the obligation to comply with the grantor's terms and conditions if a grant is awarded as a result of this application. I have attached a letter detailing my commitment to supporting this project.

Signature of Sponsoring Investigator: _____ **Date:** _____