Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma
Advancing Science, Fostering Relationships, and Building Careers

EAST Multicenter Trial Junior Investigator Award
Instructions & Terms

The intent of the *EAST MCT Junior Investigator Award* is to assist a junior primary investigator to successfully conduct and publish a multicenter trial assembling data from five or more centers which seeks to answer an important and novel question in the practice of trauma, acute care surgery or surgical critical care which will change or significantly affect the care of injured or critically ill patients. Significant planning is necessary to bring investigators together to design an effective clinical trial and finalize the protocol. This award is designed to provide seed funding for investigators to organize and develop a high-quality clinical trial. It is expected that the trial question and methodology must be of sufficient substance to have potential for further funding from such sources as the National Institutes of Health, The Department of Defense or The National Trauma Institute once initial studies are produced and published. The *Award* amount is $6,000 for one (1) year only and the project must be completed within five (5) years.

Applicant and Mentor Criteria:

- Applicant should be a Junior Investigator.
  - Applicants must be within five (5) years of completion of their residency or fellowship in trauma, acute care surgery or critical care fellowship. The applicant must have completed his/her graduate medical education before the award period begins.
  - No higher than Assistant Professor Rank or equivalent.
- Applicant must be 50 years of age or younger by July 1, 2021 and be a maximum of five (5) years from completion of fellowship/residency.
- The applicant must be an American or Canadian citizen or permanent US resident and demonstrate a commitment and dedication to an academic career in the field of Trauma or Acute Care Surgery in the United States or Canada.
- EAST membership is REQUIRED for application. Applicant should be an EAST member in good standing.
- Awardee may not have won the EAST Multicenter Trial Junior Investigator Award previously.
- The applicant must identify a mentor to provide academic leadership. The mentor is not required to be an Active or Senior member of EAST but must have an expertise in the area of research. If the mentor is not member of EAST, a sponsor must be identified who is an active EAST member.
- The *EAST Multicenter Trial Junior Investigator Award* is a career development award and is meant to support young investigators who have not been funded by the National Institutes of Health (other than through a national Research Service Award). This funding will support participation in the AAST Online Data Collection Portal or an equivalent data collection system. If an investigator has received such federal funding, or has received a similar type career development award from another organization such as the American College of Surgeons; the Society for Surgery for the Alimentary Tract, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, Association of Academic Surgery or the Society of University Surgeons, they will be ineligible for the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma Scholarship.
- This proposal may be submitted to other funding sources for support. Submission for support elsewhere will not affect the evaluation of the proposal; however, in the event that more than one award is offered, the investigator will be required to accept only one source of funding.
- The scholarship year is July 1 - June 30.
  - Significance and impact
  - Strength and compatibility of mentor-mentee relationship
  - Relevance to EAST mission
  - Originality/innovation
  - Experimental design of the multi-center clinical study, including biostatistical strategy and support
  - Environment and experience of the PI and team of proposed collaborators
  - Feasibility of accomplishing proposed Study activities within the period of support
  - Potential for future funding.

Study Criteria and Restrictions:

1. **Study cannot be already submitted or presented as a multicenter trial.**
2. **Study cannot be previously published elsewhere as a multicenter trial.**
3. **Study cannot already be grant extramural funded.**
4. **Study applied should be in the early stages of completion, with no more than 50% of recruitment goals achieved.**

Terms:

1. Award is made to the institution only
2. Funds must be used for direct support of the awardee, but are otherwise unrestricted
3. No indirect costs are payable to the institution