

ALF 2026 TRAVEL AWARD

APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 25, 2026

DESCRIPTION

American Liver Foundation (ALF) is pleased to offer a competitive travel award program for postdoctoral trainees to defray the costs of attendance at scientific conferences. The goal of this award is to foster career development by encouraging individuals with a demonstrated interest in liver-related research to attend scientific conferences and present their research.

ALF will provide travel awards for 2026-2027 scientific conferences* related to liver research or any other research conference that could benefit the applicant's career or research projects in the liver field (e.g., Keystone Symposia, FASEB Science Research Conferences, [Arias Symposium](#), etc.). ALF encourages cross-discipline learning and eligibility is not restricted to conferences solely focused on the liver. Please contact research@liverfoundation.org if you have questions about the eligibility of a specific conference.

Travel award recipients will be reimbursed **up to \$1,500** (maximum award amount) for travel, lodging, meals, and registration costs. Awardees will be required to submit documentation for expenses following the meeting for reimbursement.

*ALF does not provide Travel Awards for Digestive Disease Week and The Liver Meeting since AASLD administers its own travel award program for these conferences. Individuals interested in attending DDW or TLM should refer to AASLD's [award program webpage](#) for further details on how to apply.

TRAVEL AWARD AT-A-GLANCE

Career Level: Postdoctoral Trainees

Award Type: Travel Award

Funding Amount: Up to \$1,500

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ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for a Travel Award, the applicant must:

- Be a postdoctoral or clinical research fellow conducting liver research at a public or private non-profit institution accredited in the United States and engaged in health care and health-related research. Individuals employed at the NIH, FDA, and CDC are not eligible to apply.
- Hold an MD and/or PhD (or equivalent degree).
- Be supported by a research mentor.
- Be the presenter of an abstract that has or will be submitted for presentation at the conference (poster or oral presentation). The abstract does not need to be accepted for presentation before the Travel Award submission deadline.
- Attend the conference in person
- Agree to complete a conference report post-attendance using the template provided by ALF.

AWARD DETAILS

A maximum award amount of \$1,500 will be provided based on expenditure.

Award terms:

- Travel funds are paid directly to the awardee on a reimbursement basis for travel expenses incurred, up to a maximum of \$1,500. Expenses in excess of this amount will not be reimbursed.
- American Liver Foundation must be notified if the applicant receives another travel award for the same conference during or after the application process.
- If an awardee receives another travel award, the awardee must use the other award in full before using ALF Travel Award funds.
- Awards cannot be transferred to another scientific conference without prior written approval from American Liver Foundation.
- Awardees must attend the conference in person.
- A maximum of one award will be made per mentor per year.
- A single applicant may only receive one travel award every other year.
- Awards cannot be transferred to another individual.
- Awardees must submit proof of registration and documentation of their abstract submission (e.g., a submission confirmation, an email from the conference organizers indicating their acceptance/rejection decision, etc.).
- Awardees must submit itemized receipts for any expense(s) submitted for reimbursement.
- Eligible expenses (not to exceed \$1,500) include conference registration fees, reasonable travel expenses, and meals not included in the conference registration fee. Please see detailed guidelines for eligible expenses below.
- Travel costs for cancelled trips are not eligible for reimbursement.
- No reimbursement is allowed for spousal or guest expenses.
- Required paperwork and receipts must be submitted to ALF within 90 days after the meeting end date.
- ALF travel funds are meant to help offset but not necessarily fully cover the cost of attending the meeting in person.
- Award recipients agree that their photograph and a summary of their research project may be featured in a press release and/or posted on the American Liver Foundation website and social media channels.
- Award recipients agree to complete a conference report post-attendance using the template provided by ALF. Award payment will be held until receipt of the conference report.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission Deadline

The **deadline for the Application is September 25, 2026**. Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.

Application Instructions

Be sure to adhere to word limits and provide all requested materials as indicated in these guidelines. Applications that do not meet the requirements, in content or format, will not be reviewed.

1. Your application must be submitted through ProposalCentral.
2. Account Setup: Click [here](#) to create an account in ProposalCentral or sign in if you already have one. Please note that the Applicant's Mentor also needs a ProposalCentral account as signatures from both Applicant and Mentor are required for submission.

3. We strongly suggest that you add ProposalCentral Customer Support's email address (pcsupport@altum.com) as a contact or "trusted sender" as all emails related to your application will come directly from ProposalCentral.
4. Professional Profile: Applicants will need to create at least one Professional Profile and select the appropriate profile as Principal Investigator in the Proposal "Applicant/PI" section.
5. Completing your Application: Navigate to the "Grants Opportunities" tab, enter "American Liver Foundation" in the Search field, find "American Liver Foundation Travel Award" in the Program column, and click on "Apply Now" to start your application. After you have created an application, navigate to the "Proposals" tab to access the proposal, click on the Edit button, and follow instructions in each Proposal Section to complete your application. Do NOT click on "Apply Now" more than once as it will create multiple applications in the Proposal Tabs and they cannot be merged.
6. Provide all required documents in the Attachment section:
 - a. Applicant's biographical sketch. Follow instructions for the NIH [Biographical Sketch Common Form](#) to create a Biosketch in SciENcv, export the completed Biosketch in PDF format, and upload the PDF file in your ProposalCentral Proposal. **Limit five pages.**
 - b. Letter of support from Mentor. **Limit one page.**
 - c. Conference Program. If the program is not available before the Travel Award submission deadline, check the appropriate checkbox in the Conference section and provide the program from the most recent edition of this conference. **Limit 10 pages.**
7. Obtain requested signatures and click the "Submit" button to submit your application.
8. You will receive an email from ProposalCentral (pcsupport@altum.com) confirming that your application was successfully submitted. Please make a note of the Application ID Number included in the confirmation email as it may be needed to reference your application during the application process. Check your spam folder if you did not receive the confirmation email.

Support

If you have any **issues using ProposalCentral**, check the "Help" tab at the top of the screen for helpful tutorials and FAQs. Contact ProposalCentral Customer Support (Mon-Fri 8:30am - 5:00pm ET) if you need additional help with the system (e.g., setting up your account, etc.): in the "Help" tab, select "[Contact Us](#)" for phone or email or "[Customer Service](#)" for a web support form.

If you have questions about the **application content**, contact American Liver Foundation at research@liverfoundation.org.

EXPENSE GUIDELINES

Transportation

Individuals should make their own travel arrangements and are encouraged to plan their trips as early as possible and to obtain the lowest possible fares based on advance reservation and coach travel. Only economy flight fares will be reimbursed. Individuals are encouraged to use public transportation where available and appropriate. Standard Taxi, Uber, and Lyft rides at standard service levels will be eligible for reimbursement (e.g., UberX or Uber Green, Lyft Standard or Lyft Wait & Save, etc.).

Lodging

ALF will reimburse for lodging costs based on whether a city is a "high," "medium" or "low"-cost city. Regardless, reimbursements noted below are the upper limits.

High-cost cities are: New York, Washington D.C., Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu and Seattle. ALF will reimburse individuals up to \$275.00 for lodging in these cities, exclusive of taxes or fees.

Medium-cost cities are: Atlanta, Houston, Dallas, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Raleigh-Durham, Phoenix, Tampa, Denver, Detroit, Hartford, New Haven, San Diego and Rochester. Individuals will be reimbursed up to \$225.00 in these cities, exclusive of taxes or fees.

For all other U.S. cities, reimbursement will be limited to \$175.00, exclusive of taxes or fees.

Meals

ALF will reimburse meals at the upper limits indicated below.

Breakfast: \$20.00

Lunch: \$25.00

Dinner: \$40.00

Items Not Covered

ALF maintains a strict policy that expenses in any category that could be perceived as lavish or excessive will not be reimbursed, as such expenses are inappropriate for reimbursement by a nonprofit, charitable organization. Expenses that are not reimbursable include, but are not limited to, alcohol or tobacco products, personal expenses (such as the purchase of books, magazines, personal items, etc.).

CONFERENCE REPORT

A written report, using the template provided by ALF, must be provided after attendance of the conference.