

Uta Landy Complex Family Planning Scholars

2024 Request for proposals

Purpose

Complex family planning subspecialists, with their focus on providing care for people with complex abortion and contraception needs, are well-positioned to produce abortion and contraception research that ultimately shapes clinical practice and medical education. As members of a subspecialty, they hold the potential to leverage the resources of academic medicine in service of family planning research that is primed for impact.

As one of its core strategies, the Society of Family Planning seeks to build and support a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and multidisciplinary community of all engaged in the science and medicine of abortion and contraception. Providing early career research support to fellows currently training in complex family planning is an important step to actualizing this strategy. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support fellows currently in training at Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited Complex Family Planning sites in developing independent research portfolios.

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Research focus

The Society invites research proposals centered on improving clinical effectiveness, safety, and/or quality of complex abortion and contraception care in the US. Projects that leverage the unique strength of the academic medicine setting are strongly encouraged. When developing a research project, applicants should reference the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology's (ABOG) [Thesis Preparation Guidelines for all ABOG Subspecialties](#).

Proposed research must be positioned to [generate empirical evidence with a clear, concrete, and strategic path to changes](#) in clinical practice, medical education, or health services delivery. Applicants should be attentive to the Society's [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision statement](#) and how they can be part of bringing that vision to life in their work.

Eligibility

Grants will be made to organizations on behalf of a named Principal Investigator (PI). A PI need not be a current Society member in order to apply. Grants are limited, without exception, to tax-exempt organizations.

These grants are open to scholars who:

- Are in a Complex Family Planning Fellowship at an ACGME-accredited site at the time of application; and
- Are proposing a research project centered on improving clinical effectiveness, safety, and/or quality of complex abortion and contraception care in the US.



Funds and duration

The maximum grant award is \$7,500. Funds may be used to support expenses that are directly related to research (eg, statistical support, translation services, equipment, participant reimbursement, and travel directly associated with conducting research). No indirect costs are permitted for this award. The duration of the award period is twelve months. Funds will be available for immediate use, contingent on receipt of a signed award agreement and documentation of IRB approval or exemption for project activities. Up to 20% of the requested award amount may be used as stipends to support time or to present findings at an academic conference. We encourage scholars to submit their work for presentation at a broad array of conferences. We anticipate supporting up to four scholars via this funding opportunity.

Application submission opens

March 1, 2024 and closes May 20, 2024.

Awards will be announced in July and funds will be available for immediate use.

Review process

All proposals will undergo peer review using specific criteria. The goal of peer review is to make recommendations for enhancing the research proposal and to identify the applicants and projects with the greatest potential impact. All proposals will be reviewed according to the following criteria. For more information about the review process, please see the [proposal review guide](https://bit.ly/49jKfve): <https://bit.ly/49jKfve>.

Applicant (50%)

- Does the applicant demonstrate a commitment to family planning research?
- Does the applicant demonstrate the potential to benefit from the award?
- Does the applicant demonstrate the potential to contribute to a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and multidisciplinary community of family planning scholars?

Proposed research project (50%)

- How does the research support the goal of advancing knowledge that will improve clinical effectiveness, safety, and/or quality of complex abortion and contraception? What is the need for this research/why is it important?
- Are the research questions aligned with the scope and purpose of the project?
- Are the proposed methods appropriate to answer the research questions in a rigorous and scientifically sound way?
- Is the study population well-justified and appropriate to answer the research questions?
- Has the applicant identified the target audience and do they have a feasible plan for the dissemination of findings? Will the target audience use or benefit from the findings of this work in a meaningful way?
- Does the proposed project align with the resources and oversight available at the Complex Family Planning Fellowship site?
- Does the applicant reflect thoughtfully on their positionality (eg, the social and political context that creates a person's identity in terms of race, class, gender, sexuality, and ability status) and its effect on the proposed project's design, feasibility, and impact?



Proposal instructions

1. Online application form:

Includes contact and demographic information for the applicant, institution, and parties responsible for accounts payable and grants management if the project is funded. The application form is linked [here](#), and on page 5.

2. Summary (250 words):

Provide a summary of your educational and professional background, along with a short description of the research project for which you are seeking support. This information will be used in the Society's newsletter and website and for other educational and promotional purposes should the applicant be funded.

3. Personal statement (2 pages):

Outline your academic training and professional goals and why becoming an Uta Landy Complex Family Planning Scholar is important to your professional development. Based on your background, life experience, and/or scholarship, describe how you see yourself contributing to a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and multidisciplinary community of family planning scholars now and in the future. The Society is particularly interested in building a cohort that elevates the skills and expertise of fellows who identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) and who are training in fellowship sites across the US.

4. Proposal narrative (6 pages, not including timeline or citations):

Must include project title, abstract (no more 250 words), specific aims, background and significance, research design and methods (including study limitations and potential pitfalls and how they will be addressed), a proposed project timeline, and resources and oversight available at your fellowship site. Narrate the target audience(s) with whom you plan to share your research findings, the actions you would like them to take in response to your findings, and the desired outcomes. Describe your positionality (eg, the social and political context that creates your identity in terms of race, class, gender, sexuality, and ability status) and its effect on the proposed project's design, feasibility, and impact.

5. Budget and justification (2 pages):

A detailed budget is required along with a budget justification that describes how each item in the project budget relates to project activities. Combining additional secured funds with requested funds for the proposed project is permissible, but additional funds must be named clearly in the budget, if applicable.

6. Curriculum vitae or resume of applicant (10 pages maximum)




Required formatting

Font size must be at least 11 points and 1.5 line spacing must be used. Please upload as a single PDF file.

All grant applications must be submitted electronically through the Uta Landy Complex Family Planning Scholars [online application portal](#).

The Society welcomes the opportunity to provide clarification around or assistance with any components of the application. Please contact Grants@SocietyFP.org.



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