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## 2026 U.S. Aesthetic & Cosmetic Dermatology Fellowships *Request for Proposals (RFPs)*

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## BACKGROUND

Galderma recognizes the importance of supporting independent educational and research activities that enhance dermatology healthcare professionals' knowledge, competence, and performance. Such activities contribute to a deeper understanding of the disease states and therapeutic areas relevant to dermatology practice and ultimately support improvements in patient care.

Galderma's Medical Grant Program includes publicly posted Requests for Proposals (RFPs) that define specific areas of interest, outline timelines for review and award decisions, and are evaluated through an internal, structured review process. This RFP notifies eligible organizations of available funding to support fellowship programs that address areas of unmet medical need and align with Galderma's medical and scientific priorities.

Through this RFP, Galderma seeks to support fellowship programs for the **2026–2027 academic year**. Funding may be awarded to fellowship proposals that meet all eligibility and compliance requirements and demonstrate clear alignment with the Areas of Interest outlined in this RFP.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be affiliated with an accredited U.S.-based academic institution that sponsors an established fellowship program (in existence for at least one full academic year prior to submission).
  - Eligible programs include ACGME-accredited fellowship programs and university-based or academic medical center fellowship programs that are not ACGME-accredited, provided they have formal institutional sponsorship and governance.
  - Advanced Practice Provider (APP) programs (e.g., NP or PA fellowships or residencies) are eligible only if they are formally embedded within, administered by, and academically governed by an ACGME-accredited physician fellowship program.
- All requests and supporting documentation must be submitted directly by the institution that sponsors and governs the fellowship. Acceptable submitting entities include:
  - An ACGME accredited sponsoring institution (via the GME Office, Program Director, or Department Chair)
  - A university or academic medical center

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- A recognized academic or research institute that is institutionally affiliated with, and governed by, a university or academic medical center
- Submissions from individual fellows, individual mentors, professional societies, or private clinical practices or standalone research organizations that do not have institutional educational governance authority will **not** be accepted as sponsoring entities.
- The Fellowship Program must remain fully independent and may not benefit Galderma's business interests directly or indirectly. Support may not be used for activities that promote, endorse, or position commercial products.
- Grants may be awarded to established programs that demonstrate:
  - Clear alignment with at least one Area of Interest in this RFP;
  - A robust clinical or research training structure with defined goals and objectives;
  - The ability to provide expert mentorship and comprehensive, hands-on training with structured faculty oversight.
- Awards will be issued to institutions, not individuals. Please do not include the names of potential fellow(s) in the application. Only institutional programs with appropriate supervision and mentoring infrastructure are eligible.
- Requests involving research on specific pharmaceutical products will not be considered.

## REQUIREMENTS

<b>Therapeutic Area</b>	Aesthetic Medicine & Cosmetic Dermatology
<b>Specific Areas of Interest</b>	<p><b>Institutional focus</b> We seek programs training fellows in minimally invasive aesthetic procedures (neuromodulators, HA fillers, injectable biostimulators) with emphasis on patient safety, anatomy-guided technique, and evidence-based practice.</p> <p><b>Priority interests (fellows must address ≥1):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Implementing <b>standardized pre/post outcome tracking</b> using validated photographic methods and patient-reported measures; describe image-capture standards and data governance.</li> <li>➤ Designing a <b>complication-prevention and management curriculum</b> (vascular compromise recognition/response; injection safety) with simulation or case-based evaluation.</li> <li>➤ Creating <b>educational modules</b> for trainees/APPs with pre/post assessments and dissemination plan (e.g., grand rounds, enduring materials, etc.).</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Eligible Fellowship Specialties</b></p>	<p>Eligible applicants must be part of an accredited U.S. fellowship program in one of the following specialties that provide formal training in aesthetic or cosmetic procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dermatology</b> (Cosmetic Dermatologic Surgery Fellowships)</li> <li>• <b>Plastic Surgery</b> (Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Fellowships)</li> <li>• <b>Facial Plastic &amp; Reconstructive Surgery</b> (ENT/Head &amp; Neck Surgery background)</li> <li>• <b>Oculoplastic Surgery</b></li> <li>• <b>Ophthalmology</b> programs with an aesthetic or oculoplastic focus</li> </ul> <p>Additional surgical specialties may be considered if the fellowship includes substantial training in minimally invasive aesthetic procedures (e.g., injectable aesthetics and cosmetic dermatology) and can demonstrate curriculum relevance.</p>
<p><b>Funding Availability and Budget Policy</b></p>	<p>The total monetary support to be awarded for this RFP is up to \$100,000. This amount will be split and awarded to multiple applicants. Individual requests may not exceed \$50,000 per academic institution and Galderma will determine the final award amount based on the number of institutions supported.</p>
<p><b>Timing</b></p>	<p>The fellowship term supported through this RFP will correspond to the <b>2026–2027 academic year</b> and is structured as a <b>one-year program</b>. All grant awards will be issued <b>prior to the fellowship start date</b>, and funded programs are expected to begin no earlier than mid-2026 and conclude by mid-2027, in alignment with standard academic fellowship calendars.</p>

## OUTCOMES REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

To demonstrate institutional experience in fellowship training and to ensure accountability for educational and clinical impact, outcomes reporting is required for all funded Fellowship programs. Each program should submit examples of expected outcomes reports in their application and be aware of and able to comply with the criteria below before applying.

### 1. Requirement to Provide Examples of Past Fellowship Outcomes

Applicants must submit examples of outcome reports or results from past relevant Fellowships to illustrate their ability to deliver structured training, produce measurable outputs, and document fellow achievements.

### 2. Required Components of the Outcomes Report (Post-Award)

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All supported Fellowship programs must submit a comprehensive outcomes report at the conclusion of the one-year cycle. The report must include both qualitative and quantitative elements that reflect fellow activities, progress, and scholarly or clinical contributions.

Required components include:

- **Testimonials or Reflections.**

Perspectives from Fellow(s) and/or Mentor(s) describing educational value, clinical experience, skill development, and alignment with the fellowship's stated goals.

- **Summary of Independent Research or Scholarly Activity.**

A concise summary of research projects, clinical investigations, quality-improvement initiatives, or other scholarly work completed by the fellow during the fellowship year.

- **Scholarly Outputs (as applicable).**

Examples may include:

- Publications or manuscripts (submitted or accepted)
- Review articles
- Abstracts, case reports, or scientific posters
- Presentations at local, regional, or national meetings

- **Fellow Participation and Engagement.**

A summary of how the fellow participated in clinical, procedural, educational, and research activities throughout the fellowship term.

- **Objective Outputs or Metrics (where applicable).**

Programs should include any quantitative indicators relevant to the fellowship (e.g., number of cases observed/managed, procedures performed, educational activities delivered, quality-improvement metrics, outcomes documentation practices).

- **De-Identified Data Only**

All data must be aggregated and fully de-identified, in accordance with institutional policy and applicable privacy laws.

### 3. **Timing of Report Submission**

Programs must submit the final outcomes report within the timeframe specified in the award agreement, typically within 90 days of the fellowship end date (consistent with industry-standard IME reporting expectations).

## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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- Academic institution applicants must submit a complete grant application by responding directly to the posting for this RFP on the **U.S. Medical Grants Portal**.
- All sections of the online application must be completed. If a question does not apply, please indicate “**N/A.**”
- Applicants must upload the following required supporting documents:
  - **Full proposal**, including all information outlined in this RFP (overall goals and objectives, mentoring structure, institutional support, etc.).
  - **Detailed curriculum**, including the fellowship schedule and all program components.
  - **Outcomes reports or results from past fellowships** that demonstrate the type of output expected if support is awarded.
  - **Budget** detailing the requested support.
  - **Other Documentation**
    - **ACGME Accredited Fellowship Programs:** letter on institutional or GME letterhead confirming ACGME accreditation status, the sponsoring institution, and oversight by the GME Office or equivalent (Signed by the Program Director, Department Chair, or GME leadership) or an official ACGME or institutional GME documentation that clearly identifies the program and its sponsoring institution.
    - **University Based or Academic Medical Center Fellowships:** a signed letter on official institutional letterhead that includes:
      - Confirmation of institutional sponsorship and governance by the university or academic medical center
      - Identification of the department, school, or office providing oversight
      - A brief description of the fellowship’s supervision and training structure
      - Signature of an authorized institutional representative from the university or academic medical center (e.g., Department Chair, Program Director, Dean’s Office, or GME equivalent)
- The submission deadline will be strictly enforced. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- Galderma will review all complete submissions promptly. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by the anticipated award date.
  - If additional information is required, a **Request for Information (RFI)** will be sent via email.
  - If award timelines change, applicants will be notified of any adjusted dates.

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- If your proposal is approved, the award notification will include a grant agreement, which must be signed and returned to the Galderma Medical Grants Department.

**Funding approval is conditional upon full execution of this agreement.**

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All applications submitted in response to this RFP are subject to the following requirements:

### Regulatory and Compliance Requirements

- All submissions will be reviewed in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, relevant OIG guidance for pharmaceutical manufacturers, the PhRMA Code on Interactions with Healthcare Professionals, and Galderma policies governing independent educational grants.
- Acceptance of grant funding must not be tied to, or conditioned upon, the purchase, use, recommendation, or prescribing of any Galderma product.
- The decision to provide a grant will not take into account the volume or value of any business or potential business generated between Galderma and any applicant.

### Independence of the Fellowship Program

- The fellowship program must remain fully independent. Galderma will not influence, participate in, or have authority over:
  - curriculum, educational content, or clinical training activities;
  - selection, evaluation, supervision, or assessment of fellows;
  - faculty, preceptor, or mentor appointments;
  - research design, methodology, data collection, analysis, or publication decisions.
- All fellowship activities supported through this grant must be administered and overseen solely by the accredited academic institution in accordance with institutional governance, Graduate Medical Education (GME) policies, and ACGME requirements. The institution is responsible for maintaining academic control, ensuring an appropriate learning environment, protecting trainee welfare, and preventing commercial bias.

### Use of Funds

- Grant funds may only be used for direct support of the fellowship program, including salary and benefits for fellows.
- Funds may **not** be used for:
  - faculty or preceptor compensation;

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- honoraria, entertainment, or social events;
- product-related education or promotional activities;
- indirect or overhead costs.

### **Data Privacy and Reporting**

Galderma will not request or receive protected health information (PHI) or identifiable patient data. All reporting must be aggregated and de-identified.

### **Communication Requirements**

All communications regarding this RFP must occur **exclusively through the Galderma Medical Grants** department. Applicants must not contact other Galderma departments about this RFP.

### **Administrative Provisions**

- Galderma reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to approve or deny any application, or to cancel this RFP in whole or in part at any time without prior notice.
- Submission does not guarantee funding. Galderma may award the full amount requested or a portion thereof.
- Galderma is not responsible for any costs incurred in preparing or submitting an application.
- Galderma may publicly disclose information about funded grants in accordance with applicable transparency requirements and company policy.
- Failure to comply with the instructions or requirements within this RFP may result in denial of funding.

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