

TO: School of Medicine Faculty
FROM: Katherine L. Nathanson, MD and Matthew D. Weitzman, PhD
Co-Chairs, PSOM Limited Applications Selection Committee
RE: Margaret Q. Landenberger Research Foundation 2025 Invitation to Submit Grant Application

The Perelman School of Medicine (PSOM) has been invited to nominate one candidate for the Margaret Q. Landenberger Research Foundation Awards. The PSOM Limited Applications Committee will manage the internal selection process for this opportunity. **(The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) is also an invited institution and faculty based at the hospital should apply through CHOP and may not apply through both CHOP and PSOM).**

DESCRIPTION OF THE AWARD

The Margaret Q. Landenberger Research Foundation ("the Foundation") is a non-profit private foundation which focuses its support on **promising early-stage medical researchers engaged in projects with the potential to result in understanding an important disease process or leading to a new therapeutic intervention**. The ideal candidate is affiliated with an outstanding medical research institution and is working independently. A mentoring team is not required. This is not a Mentored Award and individuals who are currently on K awards or the equivalent are NOT eligible for funding. The ideal candidate would be an assistant or associate professor who has had a K award or equivalent and is now seeking independent funding such as an R award. K99/R00 awardees may apply during the R00 phase. The Landenberger Foundation is open to research in all fields.

Grants are generally \$200,000, over a two (2) year period, with the second year to be contingent on the approval of a progress report covering the initial year, to be submitted within eleven (11) months after the grant is received. These funds should be fully allocated to direct costs; awards will start in December 2025.

ELIGIBILITY

At the time of application:

- Candidates must be an early stage investigator who has completed their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training (whichever date is later) within the past 10 years.
- Candidates who are currently on K awards or the equivalent are NOT eligible for funding.
- The ideal candidate would be an assistant or associate professor who has had a K award or equivalent and is now seeking independent funding such as an R award. K99/R00 awardees may apply during the R00 phase.

PSOM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered, applicants must submit information in a single PDF in the following order:

- Cover sheet with nominee's name, department, telephone number, address, e-mail address, title of proposal, and date of terminal research degree completion or end of post-graduate clinical training (whichever is later).
- Research proposal (maximum 2 pages, not including references): Single-spaced, 12-point font with one-inch margins; including project title, broad long-term objectives, specific aims, and research strategy (including significance, innovation, approach, and preliminary studies).
- Biosketch or CV, including current, past, and pending funding, with award amounts (direct dollars per year).
- Prior Submission Update: If you have submitted for this funding mechanism in the past, please provide on a separate page a brief explanation (1-5 sentences) explaining how the current application differs from prior submissions, highlighting any significant updates or changes to the proposal or your circumstances.

Submission should be in a single pdf file in the following order: cover sheet, letter of nomination, research proposal, biosketch. The pdf document should be titled as follows:
Landberger__InvestigatorSurname_Investigator first name. For example: Landberger _Doe_Jane.pdf.

Applications are due by **12:00PM on Monday, August 25, 2025** and should be e-mailed to: Kaitlyn Hagarty at kaitlyn.hagarty@pennmedicine.upenn.edu.

Please note that the Foundation's submission deadline is 5pm on October 1, 2025. Full guidelines are available [here](#).

Questions can be directed to Kaitlyn Hagarty at kaitlyn.hagarty@pennmedicine.upenn.edu.