



Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation Travel Grants for 2020 Annual Meetings

The Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation is pleased to announce travel support for Retina and Pediatric Retina Specialists within their first five years of practice with the goal of encouraging and supporting research and improvements in care for Coats' Disease. These grants will support junior doctors with an interest in Coats' Disease research who need support for meeting attendance to present their work or be educated on the latest treatments and research. The grant may be used towards travel and/or meeting registration for the following conferences:

- **2020 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS)** Virtual, July 24 – 28, <https://www.asrs.org/annual-meeting>
- **The Retina Society 2020 Annual Meeting** Virtual, August 16-19, <https://www.retinasociety.org/>
- **American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) 2020: Vision** in Las Vegas, Nevada, November 14-17, <https://www.aao.org/annual-meeting>

Priority will be given to applicants who are presenting a paper, poster, or abstract on Coats' Disease or other pediatric retinal disease research. If a conference is postponed or canceled, the application may be applied to a future meeting with the approval of the Foundation.

Application Requirements:

- Summary of Academic Background and Training (one paragraph) or a current CV;
- Description of your desired travel (including a timeline for when you will depart and return) and a detailed budget (e.g. transportation, lodging/accommodations, and per diem expenses);
- Information about your current practice;
- Brief statement (1-2 paragraphs) detailing your experience and interest in Coats' Disease. Include (if applicable) any prior or ongoing research, publications, or presentations relevant to Coats' Disease;
- Brief statement (1-2 paragraphs) summarizing why attendance to the Conference would be meaningful. The summary may include how attendance may improve your understanding of Coats' Disease; allow you to network with current or potential future collaborators on Coats' Disease research; or allow you to present your current work;



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- Grant Recipients will be asked to provide a brief summary of the value of the conference and its impact on your understanding of Coats' Disease and on your research and practice relative to Coats' Disease.

Please note: Summaries – in part or in their entirety - will be shared by the Foundation with our supporters and donors to inform them of the value of the Travel Grant Program on Coats' Disease research and practice.

General Information and Use of Funds:

- Recipients may receive up to \$2,000 to support the proposed travel and/or meeting registration dues;
- Deadline for Applications for ASRS and Retina Society will be: **July 1, 2020**
- Deadline for Applications for AAO will be: **September 1, 2020**
- Applications must be in PDF format and submitted via e-mail to Deborah Marron, Executive Director, Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation (deborahmarron@curecoats.org). Additional questions about proposal submission, proposal content and review, or applicant eligibility may be addressed to Deborah Marron at the e-mail specified above.

About the Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation

The Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation funds research to find a cure for Coats' Disease. The Foundation is the preeminent resource for Coats' Disease patients and their families. We serve as a hub for the Coats' Disease community who seek information about specialists who treat this rare disease and updates on the latest research in this disorder. The Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable Foundation that was established in 2006 by the parents of Jack McGovern as a promise to their son that they would never rest until there was a cure for Coats' Disease.

To learn more, visit <https://coatsdiseasefoundation.org/>