

# A. WARD FORD MEMORIAL RESEARCH GRANTS



Caroline S. & William B. Mark

William B. Mark was an engineer by training who, along with his wife, Caroline, formed the A. Ward Ford Foundation, named in honor of Caroline's grandfather, Austin Ward Ford, who was a pioneer in the early business machine industry.

After attending an industrial laser conference, Bill Mark became interested in the possible medical use of lasers. With the foundation's medical director, Dr. Ellet Drake, a number of other like-minded individuals, and a generous grant from Caroline and the A. Ward Ford

Foundation, the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery (ASLMS) was founded with the first annual meeting in 1981. The Society had a unique concept where all interested parties including physicians, nurses and other clinicians, researchers, and industrial and government representatives could meet and share their research and teaching for the benefit of medical care.

## WHAT WE LOOK FOR

The A. Ward Ford Memorial Research Grant Committee is accepting grant proposals for direct clinical or basic science research investigating current use or potential new applications of laser or other light-based therapy. The American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery (ASLMS) supports the initiatives of the A. Ward Ford Memorial Research Grant Committee.

Applicants must be enrolled in or have completed an MD residency or PhD post-doctoral training at the time of application and must be a member or applicant for membership in ASLMS at the time of the award.

Information on membership can be found on the ASLMS website. Priority will be given to applicants who are interested in or entering an academic teaching or research position, but all applications will be considered.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, applicants must presently be enrolled in or have completed post-doctoral and/or residency training after January 1, 2018.

## PROJECT COMPLETION

The grants are available for projects to be completed between July 1 of the application year and June 30 of the following year. Applicants may receive an extension to complete the research if requested and approved by the ASLMS Research and Development Committee. Submit your extension request to [information@aslms.org](mailto:information@aslms.org).

## GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- [Standard Instructions and Guidelines](#)
- [Student Instructions and Guidelines](#)

## GRANT PAYMENT

Grant payment will be made in two installments by the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin directly to the institution where the grant research will be conducted. A six-month report must be submitted by November 30 to initiate the second payment.

### Questions or requests for further information can be directed to:

American Society of Medicine Laser and Surgery, Inc. (ASLMS)  
Research and Development Committee  
A. Ward Ford Memorial Research Grant  
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715-845-9283 | [information@aslms.org](mailto:information@aslms.org)

## SNAPSHOT

### Grant Range

Up to \$70,000 may be awarded for one year

### Application Process

Applications are accepted through the ASLMS Research Grant online application webpage. The ASLMS Research and Development Committee reviews and scores each application. The application Instructions/Guidelines Criteria is available on the webpage. After the committee meets to discuss the application scores, the committee will provide their recommendation to the Foundation, including a copy of the application with the highest reviewed score.

To complete your application, visit the ASLMS website at [www.aslms.org](http://www.aslms.org) and follow the prompts to the "For Professionals" page, and click on the "Research Grants" button. Once you are on the webpage, select the A. Ward Ford Memorial Research Grant to begin filling out your application.

### Application Deadline

The A. Ward Ford Research Grant is a two-step process:

1) All eligible individuals interested in obtaining grant funding must complete and submit a **Pre-Application due Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Central Time**. Pre-Applications will be reviewed and scored with only the top scoring applications being selected to submit a Grant Application.

2) All individuals selected to submit a **Grant Application must complete and submit the application by Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Central Time**.

### Grant Follow-up

The grant recipient will submit an abstract for review by the first abstract deadline immediately following completion of the research project. The recipient is responsible for monitoring the ASLMS website for the abstract deadline. The recipient must be listed as the abstract's author. If selected, the recipient will attend and present the findings of the research project at the next ASLMS Annual Conference which follows the completion of the research project. If not selected, the grant recipient will submit a manuscript describing the funded research for publication in the ASLMS Journal Lasers in Surgery and Medicine (LSM). The recipient must receive formal notification from LSM that the manuscript will not be published before submitting the manuscript to another publication. A. Ward Ford Memorial Institute Fund support for the research must be recognized in any publication or presentation.