The Skin Cancer Foundation is now accepting applications for our 2020 Research Grants to support pilot research projects related to skin cancer. The Foundation funds basic research and clinical studies that address improved methods of prevention, detection and treatment of skin cancer. Researchers are invited to submit applications for one-year projects to be conducted in the dermatology departments of medical institutions in the United States. Open to dermatology residents, fellows and junior investigators (within 10 years of their first academic appointment).

Since 1981, generous donors to The Skin Cancer Foundation Research Grants program have allowed us to give young physicians and investigators stipends for studies that serve as stepping stones to important breakthroughs.

In 2006  Our grant to Mandeep Kaur, PhD, on blocking opioid receptors in habitual tanners showed that they went through withdrawal symptoms, proving that indoor tanning can be physically addictive.

In 2007  Our grant to Paul Nghiem, MD, helped lead to the first FDA-approved drug to treat dangerous Merkel cell carcinomas.

In 2011  Our grant to Jedd Wolchok, MD, helped researchers develop safer ways to combine the two main forms of therapy for advanced melanoma, targeted therapy and checkpoint blockade immunotherapy.

In 2018  Our grant to Anna Nichols, MD, helped her publish research showing that the human papillomavirus vaccine could be harnessed to treat advanced cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma.

In 2020  Maybe your great idea will be next to launch!