



THE 2020-2021 VICHY EXPOSOME RESEARCH GRANT: 3 REGIONAL GRANTS TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE RESEARCH TO CHARACTERIZE THE SKIN EXPOSOME

For the first time in 2021, three regional grants of €15,000 each will be awarded to research projects originating from one of the following regions:

- **Asia & Oceania**
- **Europe & North America**
- **Latin America, Africa & Middle East**

The human body is subjected to and responds to complex exposures throughout the lifespan, including environmental factors, diet, lifestyle factors and social influences.

For this highly complex interaction, the term of exposome was coined in 2005 by Dr. Christopher Wild at the International Agency for Research on Cancer, World Health Organization.

The skin exposome comprises several external and internal factors including UV radiation, climatic conditions (heat and humidity), medications, pollution, stress, and dermatology procedures that may damage the skin barrier, induce skin diseases or accelerate skin ageing.

Protecting skin integrity is essential to preserving its health.

With VICHY EXPOSOME RESEARCH GRANT, VICHY Laboratoires is aiming at supporting research projects in the field of human skin exposome, including projects dealing with skin conditions and diseases, either fundamental or clinical, conducted in any hospital, university or other not-for-profit research institution.

Application related to completed projects will not be considered, as well as project involving animal research, or project investigating medical devices, medicinal or cosmetic products.

The applications for the 2021 VICHY EXPOSOME RESEARCH GRANTS will be reviewed by an independent jury of experts chaired by **Professor Jean Krutmann** (Germany) and composed of **Professors Craig Elmetts** (USA), **Haidong Kan** (China), **Thierry Passeron** (France) and **Sergio Schalka** (Brazil).

The deadline for application is **March 31st, 2021**.

The awardees will be announced during an event planned for May 2021 (to be confirmed).

The VICHY EXPOSOME GRANT has already been awarded to 4 scientists:

- Pr. Giuseppe Valacchi awarded in 2019, from the University of Ferrara, Italy, for a research project on inflammasome activation in cutaneous conditions.
- Pr. Christine Moissl-Eichinger awarded in 2018, from the Medical University of Graz, Austria, for a research project on exposome and the skin microbiome.
- Dr. Agatha Schwarz awarded in 2017, from Kiel University, Germany, for a research project on skin microbiome and the immune system.



- Dr. Tamara Schikowski awarded in 2016, from IUF Leibniz Research Institute for Environmental Medicine, in Düsseldorf, Germany, for a research project on the interplay between pollution and UVB.

**To learn more about the VICHY EXPOSOME GRANT and to apply, visit:
<https://www.vichy.com/vichygrant>**

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APPLICATION TEMPLATE

Applications should be written in English on **6 pages maximum**.
The jury cannot accept unclear applications or applications where information is missing.

1. Project Title

2. Project Leader

Person in charge:

Position:

Institution (Hospital, University...):

Address:

Country:

Phone:

Email:

Website (if applicable):

3. Project Summary (15 lines maximum)

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4. Backgrounds (50 lines maximum)

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5. Specific aims of the project (20 lines maximum)

6. Approach and methodology (50 lines maximum)

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7. References (please select the most representative ones, 15 references maximum)

8. Regulatory status & requirements, if any (Ethics Committee opinion, regulatory authorization, etc.) (10 lines maximum)

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9. Presentation of the team involved in the project (please state names, positions, institutions, address, phone, email, website...) (10 lines maximum)

10. Research location(s) (10 lines maximum)

11. Project schedule (10 lines maximum)

12. Project funding (20 lines maximum)

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INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

GENERAL

Applications must be typed in English.
The jury cannot accept unclear applications or applications where information is missing.

APPLICATION CONDITIONS

Eligible applications may consist in research projects in the field of exposome and the human skin, including projects dealing with cutaneous conditions and diseases, either fundamental or clinical, conducted in any hospital, university or other not-for-profit research institution. Application related to completed projects will not be considered, as well as project involving animal research, or project investigating medical devices, medicinal or cosmetic products.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Should contain: name, business address with telephone number and email address, education and training, current and past professional positions, list of most important publications in the past five years.
No more than 3 pages.

EXPOSOME RESEARCH PROPOSAL

The research proposal must be formatted according to the **Vichy Exposome Grant Application Template** located on the [Vichy Exposome Grant website](#), “How to participate” section.
No more than 6 pages.

SIGNATURE

With your signature you agree to the conditions specified for the 2020 VICHY EXPOSOME GRANT.



CONDITIONS TO BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH APPLICATIONS

Three regional Research Grants of €15,000 each are awarded to research projects in the field of exposome and skin.

Each grant is awarded to one project originating from one of the following regions:

- Asia / Oceania
- Europe / North America
- Latin America / Africa / Middle East

An official announcement of the 3 awardees will be made by VICHY Laboratoires during an event planned for May 2021 (to be confirmed).

Each awardee authorizes VICHY Laboratoires to use his/her image in connection with the research project rewarded for the entire world, on a non-exclusive basis, for a 5 years period to begin as of the date of first use of the awardee's image.

The term "Image" is understood as referring to the following set of attributes of personality, with his/her approved image, his/her name, his/her signature, and his/her professional designation(s).

This authorization is granted for press and public relation purposes (including during congresses), as well as internal, educational or documentary information, on any print or electronic media (off-line and on-line such as the Internet) using all means and as per all the known of future processes, without limitation in number.

Each awardee represents and warrants that he/she holds the various certificates, accreditations, rights and authorizations required for the present authorization, in particular from his professional governing body and the university if he/she is affiliated with, if required. Under no circumstances may VICHY Laboratoires' liability be triggered in this regard.

VICHY Laboratoires should be kept informed of all publications deriving from the Award sponsored research.

Each awardee agrees to acknowledge VICHY Laboratoires in his or her scientific publications deriving from the funded research with the following phrase: "The researcher is a recipient of the VICHY EXPOSOME GRANT".

The funded research may be presented to the press by VICHY Laboratoires or each awardee him or herself in partnership with VICHY Laboratoires.

If requested by VICHY Laboratoires, each awardee undertakes to present the funded work, at a VICHY Laboratoires sponsored event. Travel and accommodation expenses incurred by each awardee in connection with this presentation will be reimbursed.

The applicant declares that he/she agrees to the VICHY EXPOSOME GRANT conditions and that the information supplied in the application form is in accordance with the VICHY EXPOSOME GRANT and may be verified by members of the jury.

The jury guarantees strict confidentiality of all information provided by the applicant in his/her application form.

APPLICANT'S NAME:

DATE:

SIGNATURE:

PLACE: