



The ARO Award is named in memory of Armando R. Orlina, MD, Medical Director of the Transfusion Medicine Division, Serology, and the Coagulation Laboratories at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. His dedication to enhancing, supporting, and developing the principles of transfusion medicine was evident in his lifelong commitment to teaching and clinical research.

Dr. Orlina was a clinical professor in the Department of Pathology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, a consultant to LifeSource Blood Service, and an ad hoc member of the Sickle Cell Disease Branch subcommittee of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's Medical Advisory Committee. Additionally, he was a clinical investigator and consultant with Terumo Medical Corporation and the Fenwal Division of Baxter Laboratories. His career included positions as Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology at the University of Chicago and Scientific Director at the Blood Center of Northern Illinois. He was the co-founder of the American Society for Apheresis (ASFA) and was honored as the first recipient of the Dr. Chang L. Lee Memorial Lectureship Award in 1992. His gifts as a prolific writer are revealed in his many publications, and he contributed his expertise as a reviewer for Archives of Internal Medicine, Blood, and the Journal of Clinical Apheresis and Therapeutic Apheresis



Dr. Orlina's professional accomplishments are further complemented by his mentorship of scores of students of transfusion medicine. His enduring presence in Chicago in the field of education is unsurpassed. He played a pivotal role in educating nationally-recognized experts in transfusion medicine, and is remembered by many in his field as one who always took the time to guide and educate others. Dr. Orlina was always available to those who sought knowledge.

In recognition of Dr. Orlina's scientific, academic, and teaching contributions to the field of transfusion medicine, IABB is proud to introduce the ARO Award.

The purpose of the ARO Award is to promote and recognize excellence in research and education by the statewide SBB, Medical Technology, and other students in Illinois. The award is designed to encourage students to explore a topic that is relevant to transfusion medicine and to endeavor to become the subject matter expert in this field.

Who is eligible to apply?

The applicant must be an individual who is attending an SBB or Medical Technology/Technician School in Illinois. Post-doctoral students who are engaged in transfusion medicine are also eligible. The applicants must be residents of Illinois.

One of the following research materials must be submitted with your application:

1. Research paper: Traditional research paper that deals with transfusion medicine.
2. Exhibit: This type of submission can include a poster presentation that is shipped rolled in a reusable carton. Written explanatory text must accompany the poster.



3. Audiovisual production: This type of submission could include a videotape production that deals with transfusion medicine topic. The acceptable format includes DVD/VHS and must be no longer than 15 minutes in length.
4. Graphic presentations: These must be submitted in widely acceptable computer storage media. These include websites, PowerPoint presentations and other computer-based entries.

Review of application

This is a competitive grant subject to review of each application for its accuracy, demonstration of an understanding of the subject matter, relevancy to transfusion medicine, clarity and organization of the application, and appropriate use of bibliographic citations.

For more information:

Logon to www.ILABB.org and/or contact the IABB President at:

How to apply for the Research Grant:

Complete an application form and submit a research paper, exhibit, audiovisual production, web-based presentation, or graphic presentations.

Application due date:

January 31st of each year

Award date:

April 1st of each year

For more information:

Call for details and to receive an application.

Forward application and all documents to the ILABB President by the application due date.

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ARO Research Grant Program

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SBB, Medical Technology/
Technician, Post-doctoral
students in transfusion medicine

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