



**Job Title: Research Fellow**

**Reports To:** Executive Director

**Status:** Full-Time, Exempt for 12 month period; of which a one-year extension could be renewed

**Location:** Open

**About The Mast Cell Disease Society, Inc. (TMS):** The Mast Cell Disease Society Inc. is dedicated to providing multi-faceted support to patients, families and medical professionals in our community and to leading the advancement of knowledge and research in mast cell diseases through education, advocacy and collaboration. For more information, please visit [www.tmsforacure.org](http://www.tmsforacure.org).

**Description**

The Mast Cell Disease Society is seeking highly motivated candidates for a Postdoctoral Fellowship in patient-centered research related to mastocytosis, mast cell activation disorder, and hereditary alpha-tryptasemia. These diseases can have extreme impact on a patient's daily living, from daily symptoms of mast cell activation to life-threatening anaphylactic episodes and/or organ damage, all of which contribute to a significant reduction in quality of life. TMS is focused on research that promotes the patient perspective, captures patient outcomes, and informs the scientific community of research priorities. Through these and additional efforts, TMS researchers collaborate with mast cell disease experts, other patient advocacy groups, and the mast cell disease patient community within the U.S. and globally. The Research Fellow will work closely with the research committee and collaborators at academic institutions, pharma, and other organizations. The successful candidate will work with our diverse partners to gain new insights into mast cell diseases that will pave the way for improvements in quality of life. This exciting opportunity provides a platform for the qualified candidate to design and interpret patient surveys and to translate those findings into novel presentations and publications.

**The fellowship also offers mentorship and professional development opportunities:**

- Research fellow will be mentored by the research committee and patient advocacy organization of which one will be a PhD level researcher. The mentors advise the fellow on career objectives over the course of the year.
- Research fellow may choose to develop a specific project that aligns with TMS's strategic goals to complete by the conclusion of the fellowship. The project may involve research, programming, stakeholder relations initiative or capacity building.

**The Research Fellow's primary responsibilities include:**

- Collaborate with TMS' research committee, executive director, and external associates
- Contribute to the development of surveys, including in response to emerging needs
- Evaluate and analyze data to understand the effects of mast cell diseases on patient lives
- Disseminate findings through abstracts, presentations (slides or posters), and manuscripts
- Represent TMS at professional conferences and collaborative meetings
- Help to establish a patient registry
- Write grants to fund studies related to the needs identified via survey



**Requirements:**

Ideal candidates will have a MS, PhD, or PharmD in a public health related field (or 3 years experience in one post-graduation) and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Experience in patient-centered research and/or rare disease research
- Ability to work independently while managing several projects in parallel
- Clear and effective written and oral communication skills
- Ability to build collaborative relationships and to work in teams
- Strong interest in rare diseases

**Preferred but not required:**

- Proficiency with working knowledge of Qualtrics, R, or other survey or statistical packages
- Prior experience in conducting patient-centered research including surveys
- Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills

The Mast Cell Disease Society offers excellent benefits (Health, Dental, Vision, PTO). This is a flexible and remote opportunity.

If you believe you meet these requirements, and would like to become a part of our dedicated team, we'd like to meet you to talk about this diverse, highly-visible, hands-on position. **Qualified candidates please e-mail cover letter, resume, references and salary expectations by March 30, 2022 to [careers@tmsforacure.org](mailto:careers@tmsforacure.org).**

To learn more about The Mast Cell Disease Society visit our website at [www.tmsforacure.org](http://www.tmsforacure.org)

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