

## 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. The ILABB reserves the right to not give an award during any award cycle.

## For more information:

Go to [www.ILABB.org](http://www.ILABB.org)

Illinois Association of Blood Banks is a non-profit organization.

Its mission is to promote education and research in transfusion medicine in Illinois.

Anyone engaged professionally in transfusion medicine can become a member.

## How to apply for the ARO Research Grant:

Complete an application form and submit **one** of the following: a research paper, exhibit, audiovisual production, web-based presentation, or graphic presentation.

## Application due date:

March 1st of each year

## Award date:

April 1st of each year *or* at the ILABB Spring meeting, whichever comes first.

Forward application and all documents to [ILABBInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ILABBInfo@gmail.com).  
**Include 'ARO Award' in the subject line.**



ARO Research Grant Program

**Interested in a research grant? The ARO Award has been increased to \$800!**

## Attention:

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

### Who is eligible to apply?

The applicant must be an individual who is attending an SBB or Medical Laboratory Science/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.

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.**