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### **EXCITING RESEARCH FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT**

[February 4, 2015 - Phoenix, Arizona] – The Alport Syndrome Foundation (ASF), the Pedersen Family and the Kidney Foundation of Canada (KFOC) are pleased to announce the availability of funding for basic science and clinical research that will enhance the understanding and treatment of Alport Syndrome. This is the third year we have collaborated to jointly award funding for Alport Syndrome research.

The Research Funding Program anticipates awarding two \$100,000 research projects. Research proposals must be in accordance with the ASF, Pedersen Family, KFOC Alport Syndrome Research Funding Program and applications are due March 23, 2015. There are no geographical limitations of this funding.

Applications are available on the ASF website.

### **About the Alport Syndrome Foundation**

The Alport Syndrome Foundation (ASF) is the leading non-profit organization in the United States serving and giving a voice to the Alport Syndrome community and has grown to become an international presence in outreach, education and research.

ASF has raised over \$1 million since its inception in 2007. Funds have been raised primarily through the Foundation's Annual Campaign for Healthy Kidneys, as well as 5K runs for Healthy Kidneys, member fundraising events, and individual and corporate donations. As an all-volunteer organization, 95% of funds have gone directly to fund Alport Syndrome research and other programs benefiting the Alport Syndrome community.

For more information please visit [www.alportsyndrome.org](http://www.alportsyndrome.org).

### **About the Pedersen Family**

The Pedersen Family from Calgary, Alberta, actively fund Alport Syndrome research directly with the researchers and through collaboration with the Alport Syndrome Foundation and The Kidney Foundation of Canada.

### **About the Kidney Foundation of Canada**

*Kidney health and improved lives for all people affected by kidney disease* - for nearly 50 years, this vision has guided The Kidney Foundation of Canada to be a collaborative, inventive and focused leader in the development of programs, services, research opportunities and awareness campaigns that have had a positive impact on the millions of Canadians living with, or at risk of developing, kidney disease.

For more information, please visit [www.kidney.ca](http://www.kidney.ca).

Both ASF and KFOC participated in the International Alport Syndrome Research Workshops in the UK in January 2014 and in Philadelphia in November 2014. These workshops brought together dozens of stakeholders in the international Alport Syndrome community, including patient organization representatives, clinicians, basic scientists, geneticists, other researchers, and representatives from the pharmaceutical and biotech industry to discuss new ideas for research strategies on Alport Syndrome. Another international research workshop is planned in Germany in September 2015.