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## **Request for Applications:**

# **The Research Hot Seat –A PeDRA Shark Tank**

### Overview

As part of its new strategic plan, the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA) has adopted a new concept, “The Research Hot Seat – A PeDRA Shark Tank” to be hosted at the PeDRA Annual Conference. The Research Hot Seat will give invited applicants the chance to pitch innovative projects to a panel of judges and compete for research funding outside the bounds of a typical study section.

PeDRA is currently seeking applicants for its inaugural Research Hot Seat, to be hosted at the 2018 PeDRA Annual Conference, October 25-27 in Denver, CO (<https://pedresearch.org/2018-conference>).

### How it works

Interested participants are invited to submit a brief application describing an innovative research project in the field of pediatric dermatology. The PeDRA Grants Committee will review submitted applications and invite as many as four finalists to pitch their projects during an open session at the 2018 PeDRA Annual Conference in Denver. Project pitches will be evaluated by a panel of judges and award(s) will be announced during the Conference. While the Research Hot Seat is competitive by nature, feedback from judges will be provided in a thoughtful and constructive manner. Applicants should be aware that project pitches, questions, and feedback will take place on stage in front of the general audience at the PeDRA Annual Conference and may be recorded.

### Goals

The Research Hot Seat is driven by three primary goals:

1. To stimulate a cultural change in pediatric dermatology research that fosters an open exchange of ideas and hones skills of investigators, so they are comfortable pitching ideas articulately and passionately.
2. To support research projects in the field of pediatric dermatology, conceived and executed by early and mid-career investigators.
3. To support important research that aligns with PeDRA’s mission to promote and facilitate high quality collaborative clinical, translational, educational, and basic science research in pediatric dermatology.



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Application:

Applications to the Research Hot Seat must be submitted by email to [katherine.pedraresearch@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.pedraresearch@gmail.com) as a single pdf that includes the following four items:

1. Cover Letter (1 page maximum) – To be addressed to the PeDRA Grants Committee
2. Abridged Project Proposal (2 page maximum, not including references) – The proposed research should be summarized according to the following sections:
  - a. Background and Rationale
  - b. Significance/Unmet Needs
  - c. Objectives
  - d. Project Description
    - i. Methods and study/experimental design
    - ii. Primary and secondary outcome measures (*if applicable*)
    - iii. Statistical analysis
  - e. Feasibility and development plan
  - f. Potential pitfalls
  - g. References (maximum of 10)
3. Budget (1 page maximum) – Provide a detailed budget for the proposed research, including brief justification.
4. Bio sketch (5 page maximum per biosketch) – Provide an NIH-style biosketch for the applicant and up to three key collaborators

Applications must be written in 11pt Arial font or larger with at least one-half inch margins. Total file size for the combined pdf may not exceed 20MB.

Applications will be judged based on the following criteria:

1. Significance and impact
2. Scientific merit
3. Innovation
4. Clarity of proposal
5. Strength of investigator(s) and research environment
6. Strength of budget

Additional criteria will be used to judge in-person presentations. These will be communicated to finalists when notified of their selection.

### Eligibility

Early and mid-career investigators (less than 15 years post-training) are eligible to apply. Applicants need not be trained in pediatric dermatology but must hold the degree of MD and/or PhD and be eligible to apply for grants under the guidelines of their host institution. Applicants should not have significant research support for a similar or related project. Research must take place at an academic institution in either the United States, Canada, or Mexico.

### Award

Applicants may request up to **\$25,000** (direct costs only) of research support for a project duration of **one-year**. As many as four finalists will receive travel stipends of **\$500** to help cover the cost of attending the PeDRA Annual Conference to pitch their projects. PeDRA may award one winner up to \$25,000 or split a total purse of \$25,000, potentially among a few winners. Judges may request revised budgets to accommodate this scenario.

### Important Dates

Application deadline: 11:59 PM PDT, Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Finalists notified: no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Research Hot Seat: 10 – 11AM MDT, Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Awards made: October 27, 2018

Earliest start date: December 1, 2018

### Questions

For additional information, applicants should refer to SPD / PeDRA Award & Grant Support Guidelines available here: <https://pedsderm.net/grants-awards/research-grants/society-for-pediatric-dermatology-awards-goals-committee-grant-support-guidelines/> Please contact PeDRA Director of Research, Michael Siegel, PhD, at [mike.pedraresearch@gmail.com](mailto:mike.pedraresearch@gmail.com) with any additional questions.