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Request for Applications:

The Research Hot Seat –A PeDRA Shark Tank

Overview

It's back! The Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA) is seeking applicants for its second annual Research Hot Seat – A PeDRA Shark Tank, to be hosted at the [2019 PeDRA Annual Conference, November 14-16 in Chicago, IL](#). 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.

How it works

Interested participants are invited to submit a written proposal describing a research project in the field of pediatric dermatology. A panel of judges will review submitted proposals and invite as many as four finalists to pitch their projects during an open session at the 2019 PeDRA Annual Conference in Chicago. The judges will provide feedback on the proposal and pitch on stage in front of the general audience, then will deliberate behind closed doors and announce award(s) before the end of 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.



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Application:

Applications to the Research Hot Seat must be submitted by email to grants.pedresearch@gmail.com as a single pdf that includes the following four items:

1. Cover Letter (*1 page maximum*)
2. Project Proposal (*4 page maximum, not including references*) – The proposed research should be summarized according to the following sections:
 - a. Background and Rationale
 - b. Objectives
 - c. Project Description
 - i. Methods and study/experimental design
 - ii. Primary and secondary outcome measures (*if applicable*)
 - iii. Statistical analysis
 - d. Feasibility and development plan
 - e. Potential pitfalls
 - f. References - maximum of 20
3. Budget (*2 page maximum*) – Provide a detailed budget for the proposed research, including brief justification.
4. Biosketch (*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 10MB.

Review

Applications will be judged based on the following criteria:

1. Significance and Innovation
2. Clarity and Scientific merit
3. Investigator(s) and research environment
4. Budget
5. Project pitch

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 (or equivalent) 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 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 2019 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.

Important Dates

Application deadline: 11:59 PM PDT, Tuesday, September 24th, 2019

Finalists notified: no later than October 15th, 2019

Research Hot Seat: 12:00 – 2:15 PM CST, Friday, November 15th, 2019

Earliest start date: January 1st, 2020

Questions

Please email PeDRA's research coordinator, Katherine Devenport, at katherine.pedresearch@gmail.com with any questions.