



Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance

Request for Applications 2023 PeDRA Research Fellowships Program

Overview

Childhood skin diseases are associated with severe burden on patients, families, and health care providers. Despite this burden, effective treatments remain sparse and the pace of research slow. To help overcome these challenges, the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA) is accepting applications for its **2023 PeDRA Research Fellowships Program** to support one year of mentored research for post-graduate trainees and medical students in the field of pediatric dermatology.

Goals

The Research Fellowships Program is driven by PeDRA's mission to create, inspire, and sustain research to prevent, treat, and cure childhood skin disease. Fellowships are intended to support the development of the next generation of physician scientists and the advancement of active research projects in the field of pediatric dermatology.

Priority consideration will be given to mentored research projects that address high-priority patient-centered research questions and projects that align with the focus of any of [PeDRA's Focused Study Groups](#). Additional priority will be given to applications that support PeDRA's commitment to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion across all facets of its organization and pediatric dermatology research. Diversity and inclusion strengthen the PeDRA research network and are critical to the pursuit of its mission.

Application

Applications to PeDRA Research Fellowships must be submitted through the online portal (https://webportalapp.com/appform/2023_research_fellowship) and will include the following:

1. Fellow, Mentor, Institution, and Project Information
2. Budget – budget may only be used to support fellowship stipend, salary, and/or fringe benefits. Direct costs only.
3. Cover Letter (*2-page maximum*) – to be written by the **fellow** and addressed to the PeDRA Grants Committee. The letter should introduce the research project, describe the goals for the fellowship, and demonstrate the fellow's interest in a career in pediatric dermatology research.
4. Letter of Endorsement (*3-page maximum*) – to be written by the **mentor** and addressed to the PeDRA Grants Committee. The letter should endorse the fellow, describe their project, and explain how both the fellow and project will be supported by the mentor and institution.
5. NIH-style biosketches (*5-page maximum*) from both the **fellow** and **mentor**.
6. Abstract (*250 word maximum*)
7. Layman's Summary (*150 word maximum*)
8. Research Proposal (*1-page maximum*) – summarize the proposed research project in the form of a one-page specific aims page as would be provided with an NIH grant application.

Review

Applications will be reviewed by the PeDRA Grants Committee based on the strength of the fellow, mentor, research project, and environment.

Eligibility

Fellows may be post-graduate trainees or medical students able to devote at least 50% of their effort to research during the award period (faculty members are ineligible to serve as fellows). Mentors must be active members of PeDRA, however fellows need not be. Fellowships must take place in North America and must be non-ACGME-accredited and non-ABD-accredited.

Award

Applicants may request up to \$20,000 to support stipend, salary, and/or fringe benefits (direct costs only) for fellows to conduct one year of mentored research at the mentor's institution. As many as eight PeDRA Research Fellowships may be awarded in 2023. The total number of awards will depend on available funds and the receipt of sufficiently meritorious applications.

Important Dates

Application deadline:	Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 11:59 PM PT
Awards made:	May 1, 2023
Start date:	July 1, 2023

Questions

For additional information, please email research@pedraresearch.org.