

Request for Applications 2026 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 **2026 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 demonstrate meaningful and sustained engagement with the patient advocacy community. Additional priority will be given to projects that align with the scientific focus, strategic priorities, and ongoing initiatives of [PeDRA's Focused Study Groups](#).

Application

Applications to PeDRA Research Fellowships must be submitted online (<https://pedraresearch.org/research-fellowship-program/>) and will include the following:

1. Fellow, Mentor, Institution, and Project Information
2. Abstract (*1500 character maximum*)
3. Layperson's Summary (*1000 character maximum*)
4. Impact Statement (*1000 character maximum*) – to explain how the award would meaningfully impact the applicant's personal and/or professional trajectory.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Budget – budget may only be used to support fellowship stipend, salary, and/or fringe benefits. Direct costs only. A full, formal budget need not be uploaded.
8. 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.
9. NIH-style biosketches (*5-page maximum*) from both the **fellow** and **mentor**.

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). Only one mentor may be listed on an application, and mentors may only be listed on one Research Fellowship Grant application per cycle. 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. Applicants must consult with their mentor's institution's grants or sponsored research office to confirm internal submission processes and obtain necessary approvals prior to submitting their application. Applicants who hold any concurrent research or mentorship support must provide an explanation of how they will manage potentially overlapping funds and/or programs in their cover letter.

Award

Applicants may request up to \$25,000 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 2026. The total number of awards will depend on available funds and the receipt of sufficiently meritorious applications. One awardee will be selected by the PeDRA Board of Directors to be recognized as the Founders' Fellow. The Founders' Fellow will enjoy special recognition and the opportunity to present their work at the 2027 PeDRA Annual Conference.

Important Dates

Application deadline:	Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 11:59 PM PT
Awards made:	May 22, 2026
Start date:	July 1, 2026

Questions

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