2027

DF PeDRA Pediatric Dermatology Mid-Career Research Award

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Applicant Instructions

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Introduction

The Dermatology Foundation (DF), in collaboration with the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance, is pleased to offer the 2027 DF PeDRA Pediatric Dermatology Mid-Career Research Award, a Mid-Career research award made possible by a generous donation from Sanofi and Regeneron.

This new award will significantly advance the research of an investigator studying pediatric dermatologic-related skin disorders. The DF PeDRA Pediatric Dermatology Mid-Career Research Award supports the research of an outstanding investigator with an established track record of excellence in basic, clinical, or translational science. The funded project is expected to produce innovative findings that deepen our understanding of dermatological issues associated with Pediatric Dermatology.

Designed to support the research of exceptional mid-career investigators, it is expected that DF PeDRA Pediatric Dermatology Mid-Career Research Award applicants actively pursue “R” funding to further advance their research and academic careers in dermatology.

About the Dermatology Foundation

The Dermatology Foundation's purpose is simple but powerful. For more than sixty years, the Dermatology Foundation has identified and supported the early career work of investigators with great potential. Our research awards have helped launch outstanding research and academic careers, contributing significantly to the development of dermatology as we know it today. To date, the Foundation has awarded more than 2,600 research awards, enabling advancements in patient care by providing over $95M in discovery funding to talented investigators. The Dermatology Foundation has a proven track record of funding novel ideas and individuals dedicated to expanding understanding of dermatologic conditions and diseases.

About the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance

The Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA) is a collaborative research network driven by the mission to create, inspire, and sustain research to prevent, treat, and cure childhood skin disease. Founded in 2012, PeDRA's core areas of activity include a centralized platform for multi-site collaborative research, education, events, and a robust grants and fellowships program. Since its inception, PeDRA has fostered a robust community of pediatric dermatology researchers and clinicians, bringing together experts across institutions and disciplines to address critical gaps in knowledge and care. Through its collaborative research groups ("Focused Study Groups"), mentorship initiatives, and other programs, PeDRA supports clinician scientists at every career stage from training onward in an effort to position them to conduct high-impact research that improves the lives of children and their families. PeDRA members represent a wide range of expertise in pediatric dermatology and related specialties across academic medical centers, healthcare systems, and research institutions. The organization has supported numerous research projects, career development opportunities, and collaborative initiatives that have advanced the field of pediatric dermatology and strengthened the pipeline of future clinician scientists.

Award Details

a. Description

The DF PeDRA Pediatric Dermatology Mid-Career Research Award supports an outstanding investigator with a proven record of excellence in basic, clinical, or translational pediatric dermatology research. The funded projects are expected to generate new insights that advance our understanding of pediatric dermatological issues. Proposals should be hypothesis-driven and span three years.

b. Amount and Effective Date

The DF PeDRA Pediatric Dermatology Mid-Career Research Award offers $100,000 annually for up to three years. Award funds may be used for salary, benefits, and project expenses. Indirect expenses are not covered. First-year funding begins on July 1, 2027. Renewal applications are required for second- and third-year funding.

c. Award Eligibility Requirements

This award supports an outstanding mid-career investigator committed to advancing our understanding of dermatologic issues in pediatric dermatology.

The specific eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Mid-Career Investigator within 12 years of appointment as an Assistant Professor as of January 1, 2027
2. Faculty appointment in an accredited dermatology department/division
3. Applicants must have a primary or secondary appointment in Dermatology. For applicants without a primary appointment, please provide documentation of a role in training dermatology residents and/or a secondary appointment in dermatology. For pediatric dermatologists at institutions without a dermatology department or division affiliation, please contact the Dermatology Foundation for more information.
4. Available for MD, MD/PhD, DO, or PhD degree
5. The candidate must have the appropriate time commitment to perform the proposed research. A portion of clinical time may count if participants for the study are recruited through clinical work.
6. The proposed project must address a dermatological issue associated with pediatric dermatology
7. Research aims must be unique to the award
8. Strong demonstrated commitment to research
9. Appropriate training and experience in relevant research
10. Cannot hold other DF support at the time of funding (CDA-Yr3 recipients may apply)

Recipients may concurrently hold federally funded awards or their equivalent (e.g., NIH, VA, DOD, FDA, Doris Duke, Burroughs Wellcome, etc.).

Award Details (cont.)

d. General Eligibility Requirements

The **DF PeDRA Pediatric Dermatology Mid-Career Research Award** is subject to the Dermatology Foundation's general eligibility requirements for its Research Award Program, which must be met at the time of funding (i.e., July 1, 2027). As a result, the research funded by this award must be conducted in the U.S. under the sponsorship of a division or department of dermatology that has an ACGME-approved dermatology residency program. A project involving human subjects must have IRB approval at the time funding commences and be maintained throughout the term of the award. Award funds may not be used for indirect expenses. A project to be performed as part of the U.S. government research program (except Veterans Administration) or to be performed at a private foundation without an academic affiliation to dermatology is not eligible for funding.

The DF reserves the right to consider and fund an application in an award category that differs from the applicant's original submission.

Application Deadline

Applications for the **2027 Sanofi and Regeneron DF PeDRA Pediatric Dermatology Mid-Career Research Award** will be accepted by the Dermatology Foundation **from October 1 through December 1, 2026**. Please note that the submission procedure requires applicants to submit their application via the DF Mid-Career Research Award Portal.

e. Additional Considerations

Institutions may submit a maximum of 2 award applications in this category.

An investigator may submit only one application per cycle across all categories and, if awarded, receive only one Early Innovator/ Mid-Career Award during their academic career.

f. Selection Process

A scientific committee of field experts will select award recipients using a well-defined evaluation process based on the National Institutes of Health procedure for research grants. The collaborative review process will identify worthy applicants—talented researchers with the ideas, thought leadership, and experience needed to advance science and improve patient care. An application to renew the award is required for years two and three, and approval will be based on a review of progress to date.

Application Instructions

To apply for the **2027 DF PeDRA Pediatric Dermatology Mid-Career Research Award**, you will need to assemble the following items, as directed in the following table:

a. NIH bio-sketch (make sure to include an extra funding section in the bio-sketch!)
b. Research proposal

c. Budget
d. Letter of support from the dermatology chair/chief
e. Short and long layperson's description of research project
f. A headshot picture (color)
g. Research proposal figures– *high-resolution images* ***– no new figures****, optional*

Application Instructions (cont.)

All components of your application package must be submitted through the DF Midcareer Research Award Portal no later than December **1, 2026, at 11:59 PM CST.** Upload all required documents below as individual PDFs**.** We will confirm receipt of your application by email.

Item	***Description and Requirements***
a. NIH biosketch	Provide your current NIH biosketch. Limit the biosketch to 5 pages. Also, **add an (extra) section that discloses prior, current, and pending research support** (aims must not overlap with those proposed in the application).
b. Research proposal	Provide up to a **two-page** description of your proposed research project. Your proposal must include the project title, specific aims, background and preliminary data, experimental design and methods, projected results and significance, and references/literature cited. Font size must be at least 12 pt., with no more than 15 characters per inch and no more than six lines within a vertical inch. Citations may be in a smaller font size. Leave one-inch margins on all sides. Do not append any additional material.
c. Detailed budget	Provide a **one-page, three-year** budget that identifies how award funds will be used. Provide appropriate justification for each line item. The DF uses the NIH definition of direct costs; please ensure your budget includes no indirect costs.
d. Letter of support from dermatology chair/chief	Provide a letter of support from your chair on your institution's letterhead. The letter must certify and describe how your time is organized to ensure the successful completion of the research project, and should identify departmental commitments and resources dedicated to supporting you (e.g., space, protected time, development funds, and technical support). Additional comments relevant to the review of your application (e.g., institutional or special resources, patient registries, and other relevant information) are encouraged. The letter can be up to **two pages**.
e. Short and long lay description of research project (separate PDFs)	Provide two descriptions of your research proposal in lay terms for use in the DF's printed award announcements. The short version should be limited to 100 words. The long version should be limited to **one page**. Margins may be no smaller than 1" and a 12-pt. Font must be used.
f. Color headshot (JPG)	Provide a file containing a professional headshot photo of you. Vertical orientation is required. The file must be at least 150 DPI at 8x10.
g. Research Proposal Figures (*optional*)	For greater clarity, please provide a file containing **only the images and figures from your research proposal**. Do not include additional information/ figures.

Questions regarding the application process? Please contact the DF at dfrap@dermatologyfoundation.org