**CDS Early Investigator Pilot Study Research Award – Proposal**

**(ver 11.2024)**

**(6 page total limit)**

**Layman’s statement**

(300 word maximum. A brief paragraph that describes your project. This may be used for announcements, award presentations or posted on the CDS website.)

**Specific Aims**

(Approximately 2 paragraphs. What is the problem/topic you are interested in exploring and why is it important in dermatology? What are your goals/what do you intend to accomplish?)

**Background/Significance**

(Approximately 2 paragraphs. A succinct summary of any background information you believe the Scientific Committee should know. Explain what your investigation could contribute to either the medical literature, patient care or society.)

**Research Project Design**

3 pages maximum

* Review the project design/methods
* Review the evaluation methods/measures used in your data collection
* Data analysis plan
* Future Plans/Goals

Please explain to the committee how your data can be used to build on future projects.

Also, we strongly recommend including what journal you are targeting to publish your work or what scientific meeting, other than the CDS President’s meeting, you are planning on presenting your work.

**References**

(Not included in page limit. Maximum of 10 references)

**Budget**

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* CDS award funds may not be used for stipends/salaries for any investigators.
* Costs to compensate a percent effort for statisticians, university librarians for reviews, or other specialized personnel for database reviews are permitted.
* *Indirect costs are not permitted.*
* Maximum of $500 may be used for travel to a national dermatology meeting.
  + ***It is expected that a poster or other presentation of the project funded by this CDS award is occurring at that meeting***. For example, funding travel to a resident board review course is not permitted. **Please be specific in the budget request about what meeting you expect to present your project.**

**IRB submission or approval documents**

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* Please include IRB submission or approval/exemption documents.
* ***Funds will not be released until CDS receives proof of IRB approval or exemption.***

As noted above, the proposal should not exceed 6 pages total. This does not include the biosketches, letter of support, references, budget, and IRB information. Please make every effort to be succinct.