

Dear Colleagues,

To promote research related to '**Pigmentary Disorders**', the PDS Academy invites PDS life members to apply for research grants for **basic sciences, clinical, laboratory based, epidemiological or quality of life studies**.

The grant cannot be used for thesis topics, to buy instruments or equipment, staff salary or for projects longer than 18 months or partly funded by another grant. Study involving a drug intervention for unapproved indication will be considered only if approved by concerned ethics committee. For a multicentric project, the principal Investigator will be responsible for its satisfactory completion.

Blinded applications will be evaluated by the members of the PDS Academy. Comments from members of the Academy may be communicated to the principal investigator for consideration for modifications in the proposal to improve them. Final decision on suitability for funding shall be taken by a Jury, comprising of PDS Academy members.

Projects of proposed budget up to Rs 1.5 lakhs are preferable. Successful applicants will have to submit proof of Ethics Committee approval and registration with the Clinical Trials Registry (applicable for all studies approved for funding) within 6 months of receipt of communication on approval of funding. Grant amount will be disbursed in two parts subject to submitting the utilisation details.

Projects manuscripts will be encouraged to be submitted for presentation in PIGMENTARYCON Conference and for publication in an indexed journal within a year of completion. Manuscript submitted for publication should acknowledge the source of funding. Investigators with successfully completed and presented/published projects manuscripts will be given preference in academic activities of the society.

Please submit your application by mail at [academypds@gmail.com](mailto:academypds@gmail.com) by 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.

Note: Print, Sign, Scan & mail Page 2 (Declaration by the Investigators) of Application form. Rest of the application to be mailed as just Soft Copy

Best Regards,

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