



## 2023 IDS Research Seed Grants Request for Applications

The International Dermoscopy Society (IDS) announces the availability of research funds to serve as seed grants to evaluate novel concepts in the field of Dermoscopy.

The IDS unifies dermoscopy related activities into one coordinated entity. We seek to foster effective dermoscopy learning, visionary clinical implementation, and innovative translational and clinical studies. Visit the IDS website for more information on the Organization, <https://dermoscopy-ids.org>

### Funding Mechanism:

**Eligibility:** These funds are to serve as seed money to support investigators and clinicians at an early stage of their career including residents, research fellows, and junior faculty. The applicants are expected to be active members of the IDS by the time the proposal is submitted. Total grant budget needs to be spent within a maximum of 24 months and cannot exceed **15,000 Euros**. Institutional indirect costs are not allowed.

**Award guidelines:** The research should be completed within a maximum of two years. It is anticipated that **3 awards** will be funded. Awardees will be acknowledged at the 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Dermoscopy in Buenos Aires (October 2024). Awardees are expected to:

- Submit the study results to be presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Dermoscopy.
- Disseminate the study findings through research meetings and generate at least one publication in a Pubmed accredited journal within 3 years from study initiation.

### Submission Guidelines

- Applications must address important issues related to the use of dermoscopy including but not limited to:
  1. Interaction between dermoscopy and biology of the skin
  2. Integration of dermoscopy with other imaging techniques
  3. Novel implementation approaches
  4. Morphology characterization
  5. Population-based studies
  6. Behavioral studies assessing the use of dermoscopy by providers and/or consumers
  7. Barriers in dermoscopy education and/or novel training strategies
- General Instructions for Proposal Submission: Complete the cover sheet and proposal, following the proposal format and page limits described below. The proposal and the application must be written in English.
  - 1) Cover Page/Lay Summary.
  - 2) Research Plan - 3 pages maximum organized as: Specific Aims, Rationale and Significance, Experimental Approach/Methods including Statistical justification when indicated, and proposed timeline. Please use Arial font, 11 point, single-spaced.

- 3) References - 1 page maximum.
- 4) Budget, budget justification. Include detailed information regarding personnel (% of effort and amount requested per individual); supplies, subject compensation, consulting, contracting, etc.
  
- 5) Biographical Sketch- 2 pages max for the Principal Investigator and 1 page for Collaborators.
- 6) Close with Amount requested /Euros/ Applicant Signature and Date
- 7) Email the completed application to [wilhelm.stolz@t-online.de](mailto:wilhelm.stolz@t-online.de) and contact@dermoscopy-ids.org

### **Review Criteria**

Research proposals will be ranked based on:

1. Potential for impact
2. Likelihood of receiving additional future support (e.g. grants) to further expand initial results or implement findings
3. Relevance of the objectives
4. Likelihood of completing the proposed aims within 2 years.

**We especially would like to encourage young colleagues to apply.**

### **Timeline**

Deadline for receipt of applications: **September 30, 2022**

Notice of grant award: **January 2023**

