



EDSRF Medical Research Grant Application Process

Thank you for your interest in the Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Research Foundation (EDSRF) Medical Research Grant program. The Foundation awards research grants twice annually.

What We Fund

EDSRF supports research to improve diagnostic or therapeutic care for people with Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS), Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders (HSD) and related disorders. We prioritize research studies whose findings are most likely to inform the decisions made by patients, clinicians, and other stakeholders in the healthcare delivery system. We are especially interested in funding proposals for new investigators and pilot studies to advance the next generation of EDS researchers.

At this time, the Foundation does not fund travel to, or fees associated with, conferences and meetings or tuition expenses.

Applying for Funding

Applying for funding from EDSRF is a two-stage process. The first step is to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI). If the LOI is approved, the applicant then will be invited to submit a full proposal. The requirements to complete the LOI and subsequent full proposal are described below. Please send any questions about your application or the process to the Foundation by email at: grants@edsrf.org

For 2023, EDSRF plans to fund pilot studies to gather preliminary data, research new topics or widen perspective on existing topics (up to \$25,000) and also fund larger-scale, multi-year projects.

The Review Process

EDSRF makes grant award decisions twice a year. All requests for funding undergo a thorough review by our Executive Board in consultation with members of our Medical Board and as needed, independent experts for scientific merit. Reviewers agree to keep information reviewed during the application process strictly confidential using signed Non-Disclosure Agreements.

Step 1: Letter of Interest (limit to 3 pages)

1. Statement of Need

- Why the project is needed in the field of EDS/HSD and related disorders
- Preliminary work completed (if applicable)
- Is there existing research in this area, if yes, how does your project differ, or enhance, existing work

2. Activities

- Overview of the project activities
- Indicate if there will be collaboration with other organizations

3. Outcomes

- State the specific outcomes that the project aims to achieve

4. Environment

- Qualifications of the investigators
- Organization and support

5. Budget

- General description of the funding needs, total amount of request, and timeline



Step 2: Full Proposal (requested by invitation)

1. PROJECT TITLE

2. PURPOSE and IMPACT

- Describe the short-term and long-term impact or significance of the project
- Explain how the findings will support the mission of the EDSRF and improve diagnostic or therapeutic care for the EDS community

3. ABSTRACT (limit to 1-page)

4. AUTHORS

Lead Investigator

- Name and Title
- Organization (primary affiliation)
- Contact information: address, email, and phone
- Project Role
- Other affiliations
- Type of organization and EIN:
- Organization's signing official

Collaborators

- Name and Title
- Organization (primary affiliation)
- Contact information: address, email, and phone
- Project Role

5. PROJECT TEAM

Describe the team's expertise and qualifications, include organization affiliations. You may include the NIH biosketch form (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>) or CV/resume.

6. RESEARCH PLAN (limit to 10-page)

- Overall Objective
- Preliminary data (if applicable)
 - Include any publications, abstracts, presentations
 - Indicate if this project been submitted to other organizations. If yes, name of organization and status of the application
- Hypothesis
- Specific Aims
- Does this project involve Human Subjects Research? (Yes/No)
 - If yes, identify the Institutional Review Board (IRB)
 - IRB approval status (approval date; pending; not yet submitted)



- Study Population
 - Eligibility (inclusion and exclusion criteria)
 - Recruitment plans
- Methods
 - Intervention
 - Data Collection
 - Analysis Plan

7. STUDY TIMELINE

8. FINAL DELIVERABLES

Include publication plans

9. BUDGET and BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

- Total project cost
- Total funding requested from EDSRF; please list all other funding sources for this project
- Detailed Budget to include a breakdown of project costs including personnel expenses, materials, supplies and services; equipment; other direct project costs; publication costs; indirect costs (5% maximum)

10. LETTERS OF SUPPORT (optional)