

**California Society of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation (CSPDF)
Investigator-Initiated Research Grant
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Purpose

We are soliciting research proposals on a topic that will contribute to the knowledge base in pediatric dentistry and will lead to improved oral health of children. See below: “Guidelines for Proposals and Policies Governing Research Grants” for specific instructions.

Application Procedures

See below: “Guidelines for Proposals and Policies Governing Research Grants” for specific instructions. CSPDF Research Evaluation Sub-Committee will review and rank the grant proposals. The committee will make recommendations related to significance, approach, innovation, relevance to pediatric dentistry and overall scientific merit. The CSPD Foundation reserves the right to not issue a grant if no submission is deemed worthy of an award.

Funds Available

An approved grant may be funded up to \$20,000 (\$10,000 per year for two years).

Eligibility Requirements

Pediatric dental post-doctoral students and recent graduates overseen by a senior investigator may apply. **CSPD membership is required to apply.** Applicants will be required to certify on their applications that they have read and understand the award criteria, eligibility and application criteria. Applicants will certify that neither the title nor content of their submission have been submitted to a journal or award competition. Applicants understand that failure to abide by the award criteria and requirements may result in disqualification of the submission.

Please visit www.cspd.org for more information about the grant proposal and e-mail inquiries to Dr. David Good, chair of the CSPDF Awards and Grants Sub-Committee at dgoodone@sbcglobal.net.

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**GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSALS AND
POLICIES GOVERNING RESEARCH GRANTS**

There is no due date for submission at this time.

1. The body of the application must not exceed eight (8) pages (8" x lit, 12 point font). The body of the application should consist of a cover sheet abstract and detailed research plan.
2. The cover sheet should contain the following: title of the research project, the name and address of the principal investigator, the name and address of the institution (if applicable), the name and address of the institution's financial officer, the name and address of the chairperson or mentor of the department in which the research will be undertaken and whether the project is new or a revision of a previous project. Signatures for all the above individuals should appear on the cover sheet under the statement:

“The applicant certifies that they have read and understand the award criteria, eligibility and application criteria. The applicant certifies that neither the title nor content of this submission has been submitted to another journal or award competition. The applicant understands that failure to abide by the award criteria and requirements may result in disqualification of the submission.”

Relevant telephone and FAX numbers, as well as e-mail addresses should also appear.

3. The abstract should summarize the hypothesis to be addressed, the methods to be employed, the expected outcomes and the relevance to pediatric dentistry.
4. The detailed research plan should include all information necessary for reviewers to understand the proposed research. This section should include the hypothesis to be tested, specific aim(s), how the investigator proposes to conduct the research and the expected outcomes. The detailed research plan should briefly summarize the background and significance of similar and relevant work. Appropriate literature should be cited to support the hypothesis and significance of the proposed research. The detailed research plan must describe the research strategies and methods to be employed, including the nature and sources of data to be collected. Sufficient detail must be provided for the reviewers to assess the appropriateness of the research plan.
5. The following information is also required, but is not included in the eight (8) page limit: bibliography; biographical sketch and other support information for all key personnel a description of the research environment and facilities including laboratory, space and major equipment; a detailed budget that justifies all proposed expenses and if applicable, a letter from the institution's review board for human and/or animal subject research assuring that the proposed study has been reviewed and approved. Related documents for vertebrate animals and recombinant DNA approvals should be provided if not incorporated in the institutional review board letter.

POLICIES GOVERNING RESEARCH GRANTS

1. Large awards will be awarded over a (2) two-year period provided a meritorious proposal is received. The research must be completed in a timely manner and the principal investigator should submit the findings of his/her research for presentation at the AAPD or CSPD Annual Session. Travel expenses to attend this meeting may be included in the grant budget.
2. The principal investigator may be asked to submit progress reports to the CSPD Foundation. Reports must include a financial statement showing the expenditure of grant funds. Any unused funds must be returned to the CSPD Foundation.
3. If human subjects are involved in research supported by the CSPD Foundation, the principal investigator must obtain written informed consent of each subject or of a parent, guardian or ward for each minor subject prior to their preparation in any study or procedure. No research involving human subjects shall be conducted unless an appropriate committee of the researchers institution or a private Institutional Review Board (IRB) gives the research approval and continuing review..
4. Any manuscripts of this research submitted for publication must acknowledge the CSPD Foundation. The following statement must be included in any written abstract or oral presentation of the supported research:

“This research is supported by a grant from the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation.”

PROPOSALS MAY BE SUBMITTED AT ANY TIME

The letter of intent and original and seven (7) completed copies of the application should be sent to: Steve Blain DDS, MS
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