



## **The Lou Barich EDGE Grant** **(Excellence, Discovery, Growth, Engagement)**

**Submission Deadline:** Submissions must be received by January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Overview:** The Ohio Dermatological Foundation was established to advance the education of dermatologists in the diagnosis, care, and cure of skin diseases. The Foundation also supports efforts to promote the specialty of dermatology in the State of Ohio. In line with its mission, the Foundation approves funding to support educational initiatives for Ohio dermatologists by creating an endowment of no less than \$1,000,000 adjusted for inflation when document was written. Funds from the endowment are used to keep meeting dues at a minimum for ODA members, provide funds for lectureships for the annual ODA meeting, and to provide Ohio dermatology residents a stipend for hotel rooms at the annual ODA meeting.

### **Application Procedures and Grant Policies:**

- The Foundation welcomes proposals that promote the education of dermatologists and advance the specialty of dermatology.
- The Foundation's grants support activities conducted within Ohio and are intended for ODA member dermatologists who practice or are currently in a dermatology residency program in the state
- The Foundation does not make grants to individuals or operate scholarship, fellowship or travel grants
- The Foundation does not make grants for basic operating expenses, endowments, equipment for existing programs, or physical facilities

**Grant Guidelines:** The Foundation requests that you provide a brief proposal and supporting documents with the following information:

- A brief description of the history, purpose and activities of your grant request
- A brief timeline of the proposed work, including major milestones
- A statement of the need for support, how support would be used and the monetary request of support
- A breakdown of funding resources
- List of any other foundation or corporate support with amounts for this proposed project
- Contact information, such as name of the primary contact for the proposal, email address, phone number and address to where the grant award can be sent

All supporting documents can be sent to the ODA Executive Director, Jill Hostetler via email to [odaexec@ohderm.org](mailto:odaexec@ohderm.org).

**Funding Decision:** Each proposal accepted for consideration is reviewed by the Foundation Board of Directors. After the Board of Directors makes a decision on the application, the applicant will be contacted via email. The grants monetary award, up to \$25,000, will be based solely at the discretion of the Board.

**Post Award Requirements:** Successful applicants must complete an end-of-grant assessment and demonstrate the impact of the funding success by presenting their assessment at the Ohio Dermatological Association Annual Meeting, which is held in September/October of each year.

*The Foundation is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Funded projects must align with our charitable mission and comply with federal laws. Activities that could jeopardize our tax-exempt status will not be supported.*