



International Foundation
for Dermatology

DermLink Grants Programme Introduction & Guidelines

DermLink is an annual grants programme that provides support for ILDS Member, Affiliated and Observer Societies ("ILDS Members") to undertake initiatives that help patients with skin disease in underserved parts of the world.

We welcome applications from anywhere in the world, however, **all applications** need to be supported by an ILDS Member.

There are 3 types of DermLink Grant:

- **Materials and Equipment** – up to US\$3,000 for dermatological materials and equipment
- **Individual Training** – up to US\$3,000 for short-term dermatological training for an individual
- **Field or Community Projects** – up to US\$5,000 for projects in resource-poor regions lasting no more than 12 months

ILDS DermLink Grants are awarded on a competitive basis, reviewed by the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) Committee and approved by the ILDS Board of Directors.

Please read the following guidelines carefully before completing your application:

1. Applications must be made by or supported by an ILDS Member in good standing (membership fees are paid and up to date as at the deadline of submission); a supporting letter from an ILDS Member is required as part of the application
2. Applications must be submitted in English, the official language of the ILDS
3. Applications must assist dermatology in low-resource areas
4. In order to be considered for a DermLink Grant, you must show how you will adapt your project in the event of restrictions or disruption caused by unexpected events such as natural disasters, pandemics or epidemics, political crises, and other events.
5. Successful applicants must acknowledge the grant in all related activities, including publications
6. Successful applicants will be expected to commit to ILDS/IFD reporting requirements
7. All funds must be used within 12 months of being awarded
8. Projects are expected to commence in early 2027. Please note that applications proposing project start dates later than April 2027 will not be considered.
9. Only one application per ILDS Member per year is permitted. **If an ILDS Member is supporting more than one application, all applications are at risk of being disqualified.** Please reach out to your supporting ILDS Member prior to submitting your application.
10. Previously supported projects will not be considered
11. Collaborations between organisations and/or countries are welcomed
12. The collaborating organisation applying for the funds will need to have a bank account that accepts funds in US Dollars. Funds will not be paid into a personal bank account
13. The Grant should not be used for any research project
14. The Grant should not be used as a travel bursary for attending conferences
15. We welcome applications from Patient Organisations. In order to qualify for the Grant, please reach out to an ILDS Member to support your project. The ILDS Member directory can be found [here](#).

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