

PDS Research Form - Competitive (2022-23)

Please note: PDS will not fund any activities (conference, training, or research) that has started or ended before the notification date of the current PDS cycle. Your signatures on this form affirm that you have read this note. See the PDS Handbook for details.

When you submit your online application, this page should be uploaded into the field, “Advisor signature page” and the proposal (see below) uploaded into the field, “Proposal upload.”

Project Proposal

Upload your proposal as a separate PDF file. Please address each item explicitly (max 1500 words). You may address each item as separate sub-sections.

1. Provide a brief description of your overall research project/dissertation and explain its significance.
2. Provide information about this specific application: the research you intend to conduct, including when and where you intend to conduct it.
3. Explain the methods of analysis you will use in this research.
4. Explain how this specific research will advance your work towards the PhD. Explain how your proposed research fits into your overall dissertation project described in #1 above.
5. Describe your qualifications and preparations for conducting the proposed research.
6. Explain how the external sources of funding you have applied to (or plan to apply to) support your project. How will this funding affect/change your PDS application's budget?
7. Provide a brief timeline of this research project and a summary table outlining your budget clearly (convert all foreign expenses to USD).

*Applications that do not address the above questions explicitly will be automatically denied. The forms below are fillable, electronically, if desired, using a PDF reader (this includes the signature lines).

Research Oversight: Human Subjects, Animals and Radiation

All research at Emory is regulated by research oversight committees, including the Institutional Review Board (IRB), which reviews all research involving human subjects, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and the Radiation Control Council (RCC) and other occupational health and safety committees.

Approval by the appropriate review committee(s), where necessary, is a condition for receiving Professional Development Support. It is each student's responsibility to confirm that his or her research has been properly approved by these committees. Please note that if you fail to submit your research protocol for appropriate review, you may be unable to use the data in future publications, including your dissertation.

Details about the requirements of these regulatory committees, as well as contact information and review procedures, can be found on their websites.

IRB: <http://www.irb.emory.edu/>. IRB staff members are available for informal consultations about your project. Even if you feel confident that your research does not require review, **we strongly encourage you to contact the IRB for an informal discussion.**

IACUC: <http://www.iacuc.emory.edu/>.

RCC and other occupational health regulations: <http://www.ehso.emory.edu/>.

Review Certification

I certify that the research associated with this application for PDS funds requires review as follows:

IRB ☐ No ☐ Yes

IACUC ☐ No ☐ Yes

RCC ☐ No ☐ Yes

Other ☐ No ☐ Yes

For each “yes” checked, please upload all copies as one single file under the “IRB Certification” field in the online application system. You may submit the PDS application for review before you receive certification approval. However, **if your research requires any of these certifications, you will not receive approval until you have forwarded copies of the appropriate review letters to LGS.profdev@emory.edu.**

I have consulted the PDS Handbook 2022-23 before submitting this application: Yes ☐ No ☐

I have submitted PDS Reports for all previously approved PDS applications: Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A (first time) ☐

Good Standing

I certify that I am not on probation and am in good standing with my program and with the Laney Graduate School.

Student Signature: _____

Public Health Guidelines

I affirm that I will be fully compliant with Emory University's COVID-19 [policies](#), including following the Community Compact on Emory's webpage that may exist at the time of my travel. I understand that the CDC recommends delaying travel until the traveler is fully vaccinated.

Student Signature: _____

Faculty Advisor and Director of Graduate Studies Approval

We have reviewed the student's proposal and support this research. This research activity is necessary for the student to receive their degree and cannot be undertaken without this additional support. I have read this application and believe that the student will accomplish their goal through the proposed research activity. I also certify that this proposed research and/or travel is essential to the student's academic progress and that I support the research/travel.

Faculty Advisor Name: _____

Signature: _____

If applicable to your PhD program:*

DGS Name: _____

Signature: _____

It is the student's responsibility to retrieve signatures from their DGS and Faculty Advisor. If your DGS or Faculty Advisor are unavailable, please contact your program administrator (PA).

**Check with your PA if you have questions about whether the DGS must sign this form for your program.*