ACMS Foundation Grant Application Template

Title: Title of the proposal

Specific Aims: Provide a brief introduction that highlights the significance of the proposed study and identifies the problem or knowledge gap to be addressed by the proposed research. Then list Specific Aims in numeric order with declarative statements such as "define," "quantify," or "evaluate." You may include an additional one or two sentences to further explain each aim here if necessary.

Background and Significance: Provide the necessary background from the literature that will allow the review committee to understand the research proposal. It is essential to explain the significance of the work and its potential to improve outcomes in skin cancer care. It is helpful to highlight areas of uncertainty that the proposed research will clarify.

Preliminary Studies: Describe preliminary data from your own work (ideally) or from the literature that supports your hypotheses, leads in a logical progression toward your Specific Aims, and demonstrates that the proposed research is feasible. Figures or tables may be helpful.

Experimental Design: This is the bulk of the proposal and describes in detail the experiments or studies that will be performed. This should be structured in sections according to the Specific Aims that were previously listed. Within each Aim, it is helpful to highlight the novelty or innovation of the approach, the rationale for the proposed studies, and the potential impact of the anticipated results. Figures or tables may be helpful. Successful applications typically include details on number of subjects or experimental replicates and basic sample size calculations to justify the research plan.

Environment/Organizational Structure (Investigator Research Award) or Environment and Mentorship Plan (Research Mentorship Award):
The Environment section describes the institution or site in which the research will be conducted, highlighting resources, support structures and personnel that will facilitate successful completion of the research. For the Investigator Research Award this should include specific institutional assets such as core laboratories or computational resources; research personnel and specific collaborators should also be described. For the Research Mentorship Award, the primary mentor and the specific mentorship or training plan of the mentee should be described in detail.

Note: All of the above sections must be 3 pages or less for the Investigator Research Award, and 2 pages or less for the Research Mentorship Award

Literature Cited: References as appropriate

Budget: A separate 1-page attachment to describe the allocation of the proposed funds. Note that funds are to be used for direct research costs only, not for salary support of the PI or for conference registration/travel.