

National Academy of Neuropsychology
Clinical Research Grants Program
Request for Applications

The National Academy of Neuropsychology is committed to the professional and scientific development of clinical neuropsychology. The mission of the Clinical Research Grants Program is to support meritorious small grants, pilot projects, or seed grants that address the value, worth, or efficacy of clinical neuropsychological assessment or interventions. These projects might be overlooked by traditional granting agencies because of their applied clinical nature or stage of development. Pilot or seed proposals should demonstrate how they will lead to future funding.

Characteristics of Projects to be supported

In an era of health care reform, it is important that the worth of neuropsychology in improving quality of care and outcomes be demonstrated. The National Academy of Neuropsychology grants program seeks projects that have the potential to support the efficacy, cost, and utility of clinical neuropsychology. Some topics that could be addressed include: (1) the value-added of neuropsychology, (2) efficacy of practice, (3) technological advances, (4) cost-effectiveness, (5) predictive ability of neuropsychological methods, (6) diagnostic utility, or (7) aspects of neuropsychology's impact on prevention, treatment, outcomes (e.g., Medicare quality measures), and monitoring of disease progression. Within this context, projects that address issues of diversity, focus on novel analyses of existing national or large-scale datasets (an example list of databases can be found on the NAN Grants Program page), or have the potential to lead to future funding or significant innovations for the field of neuropsychology are encouraged. Projects do not need to have all these characteristics to be successful. Applicants are encouraged to review the list of past funded grants on the NAN website (www.nanonline.org). Direct any questions about the appropriateness of the topic or project to the committee chair (contact information is below).

Budget and Related Issues

All selected grants will be funded for one year. No-cost extensions are possible pending review and approval by the Clinical Grants Committee.

Maximum awards are \$15,000, although applicants are encouraged to carefully justify their budgeted expenses. Any scientific overlap with other projects should be described in the budget justification section of the application. Indirect or institutional costs and conference travel are not allowed.

Awardees are required to present the results of their work as part of a NAN sponsored webinar that will be free to members. Awardees are also required to submit the full study for possible publication in *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*.

Grant Evaluation Criteria

Grant proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. **Significance of Research Idea** – originality
2. **Relevance to Mission of Grants Program**
3. **Research Methodology** - soundness of study design and proposed data analyses, feasibility, availability of participants
4. **Ability to Complete Project** - background of the principal investigator in the application area (and appropriateness of mentorship if postdoctoral fellow), environment/resources to complete research, and timeline for completing project
5. **Significant Innovation for Neuropsychology or Likelihood to Lead to Future Funding** – results will make contribution to neuropsychology, pilot or seed grant will lead to future funding
6. **Appropriateness of Budget**- return to the profession for the number of dollars expended
7. **Diversity** (inclusive of race/ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, sensory impaired, etc) - Given the emphasis on the efficacy and utility of clinical neuropsychology of this Grants program, and the need for improved services for persons from diverse backgrounds, applicants should describe the ways in which diversity is/is not relevant to the outcomes of the proposed research and the degree to which the proposal responds to this need. It is recognized that many proposals will not directly address diversity. However, the NAN review committee expects applicants to carefully consider the relevance of diversity to the application of their research findings. For example, the application should describe how diversity is represented in the population under study, address the limitations of generalizability of study findings to particular diverse groups (e.g., ethnic minorities, socioeconomically disadvantaged persons), discuss how the study will approach potential confounds related to issues of diversity.

Each grant will receive peer review by 2-3 individuals who will rate the application according to these criteria. General grant proposal writing resources can be found on the NAN Grants Program page.

Eligibility Requirements

Grants are awarded to any NAN member (Professional, Postdoctoral/Early Career, Associate levels) who is employed in private practice, institutional, and/or academic settings. The committee will only consider one proposal per applicant.

NAN board members, NAN committee chairs, and members of the NAN Clinical Research Grants committee may not apply.

Application Deadlines

The deadline for filing an application is May 1st, 2017. Funding is expected to begin September 1st, 2017.

Additional Information

Resubmissions. Applicants may resubmit an application reviewed during a previous grant cycle. The application should include a one page response to reviewers' critiques and marked changes or additions to the application (bold, italic, or other indication).

Setting. The applicant must be in a setting that will facilitate the proposed research. Past awardees have worked in a variety of settings, including universities, community hospitals, academic medical centers, rehabilitation centers, and private practices.

Postdoctoral Fellows. Grants will be awarded without regard to the applicant's stage of career development. If the applicant is a postdoctoral fellow, the application must include a letter of support from the primary mentor.

IRB Approval. Prior to disbursement of funds, the project must receive IRB approval. Individuals who do not have access to an institutional IRB should consider identifying collaborator at an institution with an IRB or making arrangements for review of the project by a commercial/private IRB. Costs for a private IRB should be included in the proposed budget.

Progress Reports. Grantees are required to submit quarterly progress reports using the NAN Clinical Research Grants quarterly report template.

Information and application materials are available at www.nanonline.org or contact:

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