# CHARACTERISTICS OF PROJECTS TO BE SUPPORTED

In celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the National Academy of Neuropsychology is welcoming applications for Graduate Student Research Grants. This program supports meritorious science that furthers the education and careers of Neuropsychology trainees and has the potential to lead to future funding. Preference will be given to innovative projects that broadly advance the field (e.g., the use of wearable technology in neuropsychological diagnosis and treatment, teleneuropsychology, the use of Al in Neuropsychology, etc.)

## **BUDGET AND RELATED ISSUES**

- There will be four awards of \$5,000 each, including direct costs only.
- Proposals may request funding to be distributed over 1 year. No-cost extensions are possible pending review and approval by the Clinical Research Grants Committee.
- Awardees may be asked to engage in promotional activities with NAN related to their NAN CRG funded project.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

A one-page summary should describe:

- 1. Introduction of the research project (i.e., what is the topic, describe the proposed project).
- 2. Significance for Clinical Neuropsychology, including the innovative/novel aspects of the project and how it will contribute to the field of neuropsychology.
- 3. Methodology, including the participants, data collection methods, and general statistical analysis plan.
- 4. Budget Justification, including description of costs (e.g., personnel, equipment, supplies, and any other study-related expenses).

References for literature cited.

Applicants must provide <u>a Letter of Support</u> (submitted as part of their application) from their mentor indicating that the institution will support their effort on the grant and that it has the necessary resources to complete the proposed work (e.g., facilities, materials, access to research population).

## **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, feasibility, and availability of participants]
- 4. Ability to Complete Project [background of the principal investigator in the application area and appropriateness of mentorship), and environment/resources to complete research
- 5. Appropriateness of Budget [justification for the number of dollars expended, PI has time allotted for the project via NAN grant budget or otherwise]

Each grant will receive peer review by at least 2-3 members of the NAN Clinical Research Grants committee, 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**

Applicants who are currently graduate students are eligible to apply.

Applicants must be a member of NAN at the time of award and maintain membership throughout the period of funding.

The committee will only consider one proposal per applicant.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

The deadline for filing an application through email to <a href="MANGrants@nanonline.org">NANGrants@nanonline.org</a> is **September 19, 2025**.

Funding is expected to begin January 1, 2026.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**IRB Approval.** Prior to disbursement of funds, the project must receive IRB approval.

**Progress Reports.** Grantees are required to submit progress reports at 6- and 12-months using the NAN Clinical Research Grants report template.

**End of Project / Funding.** At the close of the NAN funded project, the PI is required to submit a letter to the NAN Clinical Research Grants Committee (Ellen.Woo@ucsf.edu) clearly stating that the funds were used solely for the purpose of completing the funded project and whether any funds were unspent. If there are unspent funds, these must be returned to NAN (the NAN Office will contact the PI to arrange for the return of remaining funds).

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the NAN Clinical Research Grants Program Officers (see emails below) to discuss the fit of their project idea with the RFA prior to submitting their proposal.

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