

**NASPGHAN FOUNDATION
MID-LEVEL CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD
Submission Deadline: July 2, 2015**

This mid-level career development award is for NASPGHAN members pursuing research related to pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition and are at a mid-level in their career. Mid-level is defined as a faculty member who is at least 6 years from the start of a first faculty position at the time of the application, but has not have reached professor level. This award is to foster either a new area of enquiry or to provide pilot data in an ongoing area of research with substantial potential for new funding. The proposal must include a focused area of research, which will directly enhance the applicant's ability to achieve further national peer-reviewed research funding and result in significant impact on gastrointestinal, nutrition and liver health in children. Basic, clinical, translational, epidemiologic, dissemination and implementation research are all encouraged. Although not mandatory, a strong preference will be given to applicants who have a prior track record of research funding and currently have a gap in funding.

GRANT TERM AND STIPULATIONS

The award is supported by a salary award *up to* \$100,000 per year in direct funding for up to two consecutive years. Institutional indirect costs are not allowed. A financial statement and brief progress report are required as a close-out report at the end of the funding period. All publications resulting from work supported by the NASPGHAN Foundation must acknowledge support by the grant mechanism. The awardee must attend the NASPGHAN Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, October 8-11, 2015 to accept the award and must commit to attending the annual NASPGHAN meeting for two years following the award.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Hold an MD, PhD or equivalent degree (e.g. MB, ChB, MBBS, DO) and a full-time faculty position at a North American institution. Applicants who are at Assistant or Associate level are eligible. Professors are **not** eligible.
- Be a NASPGHAN member in good standing for at least two years and completed fellowship training in pediatric gastroenterology at the time of application.
- Be at least 6 years out from the start of their first faculty position regardless of rank.
- Not have an active R01 or equivalent mechanisms at the time of grant of the award. If the applicant holds a career development award, such as a K grant, it should be completed prior to the award of this grant.

REVIEW PROCEDURES

The NASPGHAN Research Committee and invited experts in the field will review applications and rank based on the strength of the applicant. The ideal applicant will have demonstrated a proclivity for and track record as defined by publications and previous funding of successful research. Members of the review panel will follow strict conflict of interest guidelines. Contact between the applicant or sponsors with committee members regarding applications is strictly prohibited and may lead to disqualification from further consideration.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
***FAILURE TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO THESE, GUIDELINES COULD RESULT IN THE
DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR APPLICATION***

Completed applications must include the following.

1. A biographical sketch of the principal investigator and sponsors. NIH announced a new biosketch format and instructions, posted at [SF 424 \(R&R\) Forms and Applications](#). The new format is required for due dates on or after January 25, 2015. The new format extends the page limit from four to five pages. It allows researchers to describe up to five of their most significant contributions to science, along with the historical background that framed their research. Investigators can outline the central findings of prior work and the influence of those findings.
2. The research plan structured according to the NIH format as outlined below with 1/2-inch margins. Times New Roman or Arial font no less than 11 point are required. Page limitations and style requirements are strictly enforced. (No application more than SIX single spaced pages will be reviewed. References are not included in this maximum page count).
 - Scientific summary of the project (one page);
 - Specific aims (one page);
 - Research Strategy (4 pages) including Significance, Innovation, and Approach
 - (a) *Significance*
 - * Explain the importance of the problem or critical barrier to progress in the field that the proposed project addresses.
 - * Explain how the proposed project will improve scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice in one or more broad fields.
 - * Describe how the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, services, or preventative interventions that drive this field will be changed if the proposed aims are achieved.
 - (b) *Innovation*
 - * Explain how the application challenges and seeks to shift current research or clinical practice paradigms.
 - * Describe any novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation or interventions to be developed or used, and any advantage over existing methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions.
 - * Explain any refinements, improvements, or new applications of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions.
 - (c) *Approach*
 - * Describe the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project. Include how the data will be collected, analyzed, and interpreted as well as any resource sharing plans as appropriate.
 - * Discuss potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success anticipated to achieve the aims.
 - * If the project is in the early stages of development, describe any strategy to establish

feasibility, and address the management of any high risk aspects of the proposed work.

- * Point out any procedures, situations, or materials that may be hazardous to personnel and precautions to be exercised.

- References

3. A detailed budget, accompanied by an NIH style budget justification. There are no *a priori* restrictions on how the grant is used with the exception that indirect costs are not allowed.
4. A complete list of active and pending research support, including title, source, grant number, principal investigator, all co-investigators, inclusive dates of funding, total amount of award and amount of award for the years the NASPGHAN Foundation grant may be awarded. All scientific or budgetary overlap with the proposed NASPGHAN Foundation grant must be explained.
5. Letter of support from the Division Director or the Department Chair outlining their support for the continued research career of the applicant.
6. Reprints of articles in press can be included as an appendix, but should only be included if material is directly relevant to the proposal. Additional articles, such as those already published or in preparation and any other additional documents are not necessary and may detract from the application.