The aim of this grant is to encourage and support the development of innovative approaches to optimize the quality of care and health care delivery to children with digestive diseases by the clinically focused pediatric gastroenterologist. The grant will be for a duration of one year and selection criteria include potential impact of the project on patient care and the applicability of the project to the general NASPGHAN community.

Clinically oriented physicians are strongly encouraged to apply.

GRANT TERM AND STIPULATIONS
The Foundation will award up to two grants, each ranging from $2,000 to $5,000 for a one-year period. Additional monies are not available for indirect cost recovery. Any marketable product created utilizing funds from this grant will be the property of NASPGHAN or will be made available to NASPGHAN and APGNN members free of charge.

A complete end-of-year financial statement and summary report are required. All publications resulting from work supported by the NASPGHAN Foundation must acknowledge its support. The recipient of this award must attend the 2018 NASPGHAN Annual Meeting to accept the award. Dissemination of the research findings will be expected via presentation at the 2019 NASPGHAN/APGNN Annual Meeting.

ELIGIBILITY
Applicants must:

- Be a NASPGHAN, APGNN or CPNP member in good standing for at least one year. APGNN and CPNP members and post-doctoral fellows are invited to submit grant applications under the clinical mentorship of a NASPGHAN member.
- Be employed, either full or part-time, in providing clinical care in the field of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition.
- Not have independent R01, P01 (or similar) or CIHR operating grant at the time of application. Recipients of US mentored grants such as a K08, K23, or equivalent Canadian or Mexican and National Foundation grants are eligible to apply, if application does not have significant scientific overlap. Applicant may not currently hold a NASPGHAN Foundation grant. Only one submission per organization will be reviewed.

REVIEW PROCEDURES
The NASPGHAN Clinical Practice Committee and potentially other ad hoc reviewers as invited by the Clinical Practice Committee Chair will review all applications. Members of the review panel will follow strict conflict of interest guidelines. Contact between the applicants with committee members regarding applications is strictly prohibited and will lead to potential disqualification.

Evaluation criteria will include:

- Potential to improve quality of patient care
• Use of evidence-based guidelines when available
• Sustainability after initial funding
• Innovation
• Coordination or collaboration among members of care team
• Reasonable budget in relation to scope of project
• Generalizability to other practices
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Completed applications must include the following:

1. A biographical sketch or curriculum vitae of the project leader. This should include the educational background and relevant professional experience of the principal investigator, including any prior experience in research or quality improvement.

2. Project plan, including the following:
   - Needs Assessment and Aims: Why is this project important? What gap in quality or care delivery is it intended to fill?
   - Summary of the project (maximum one page)
   - Budget: Include personnel, supplies and other costs
   - Implementation strategy: Who will implement the project? How will it be implemented?
   - Generalizability: Describe how this project, if successful, could be implemented in other practices.