

Call for Applications: American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine Research Grant

Grantor: American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine

Closes: 12/1/2012

Maximum: \$500,000.00

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The American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM) is announcing the availability of a grant opportunity that will be awarded on a competitive basis. The goal of this award is to fund research with high potential to impact patient care through the identification of important relationships between electrodiagnostic measures or imaging modalities with respect to the clinical or functional outcomes of people with neuromuscular disorders. We are seeking high quality, evidence based studies that will provide important information that delineate the role of electrodiagnostic studies in patient management. Studies that assess electrodiagnosis and its relation to outcomes, its ability to promote efficient care and to optimize the use of healthcare resources, as well as complement other diagnostic tests are being solicited. We envision this study to provide class I or II evidence based medicine, demonstrating the impact of electrodiagnosis on patient care and the optimization of resources. Cost effectiveness and care efficiency aspects of proposals are highly desirable.

These disorders include, but are not limited to, common mononeuropathies, cervical and lumbar radiculopathies, peripheral neuropathy, myopathy, neuromuscular junction disorders and motor neuron disorders.

This goal will be accomplished through the peer review grant process with oversight by the AANEM Foundation.

Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards

The total amount of funding available is \$500,000. The foundation anticipates funding 1 project. Projects with direct and indirect costs of up to \$100,000 per year will be considered for a 3 to 5 year time span.

Award is contingent upon AANEM Foundation appropriations, and the submission of a meritorious application.

Award Budget

Application budgets are limited to \$500,000 (direct and indirect costs) and need to reflect actual needs of the proposed project. Overlapping costs will not be allowed. Cost sharing with other funding mechanisms is encouraged. Indirect costs will be capped 7%

Award Project Period

The total project period for an application requesting support will be between 3 and 5 years. Funding will not exceed five years.

Eligible Applicants

Any physician with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Principal Investigator (PI) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply for AANEM foundation support. It is required that either the PI or at least one co-investigator be a member of the AANEM.

Letter of Intent

Applicants will be asked to submit a 2 page letter of intent prior to submitting a full proposal. This letter should contain sufficient information to describe the scope of the proposed work, an overview of the scientific rationale and methods to be used, and an indication of the ability of the investigators to complete this work successfully.

From the submitted letters of intent, the Research Committee will select the most promising projects to solicit a full proposal.

Open Date (Earliest Submission Date): Oct. 1, 2012

Letter of Intent Due Date: Dec. 1, 2012

Application Due Date(s): March 31, 2012

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