

# NASPGHAN FOUNDATION YOUNG INVESTIGATOR DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

## **NASPGHAN Foundation/NASPGHAN George Ferry Young Investigator Development Award**

**Description:** This two-year grant is available to junior faculty (see eligibility requirements below) to support research activities that have the potential for evolution to an independent research career in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology or nutrition. Monies are awarded in support of a meritorious research project in the clinical or basic sciences to study the diseases of the gastrointestinal tract, liver or pancreas and nutritional disorders in children.

## **NASPGHAN Foundation /Nestlé Nutrition Research Young Investigator Development Award**

**Description:** This two-year grant is available to junior faculty (see eligibility requirements below) to support research activities that have the potential for evolution to an independent research career in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology or nutrition. This grant, generously supported by Nestlé Nutrition Institute, is awarded to support meritorious basic or clinical research relating to nutrition in infancy, childhood or adolescence.

## **NASPGHAN Foundation /Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Young Investigator Development Award**

**Description:** This two-year grant, funded in conjunction with the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, is available to junior faculty (see eligibility requirements below) in support of research relating to a clinical, epidemiological or a basic scientific aspect of pediatric Crohn's disease and/or ulcerative colitis.

**NOTE:** Investigators may apply for more than one of the above grants, as long as the proposed studies adhere to all criteria for each grant.

## **GRANT TERM AND STIPULATIONS**

Awards of \$75,000 per year for two years will be made. **Additional monies are not available for** indirect cost recovery. The supporting institution must provide the applicant with at least 70% protected time to conduct the proposed work. A complete financial statement and scientific progress report are required annually. All publications resulting from work supported by the NASPGHAN Foundation must acknowledge support by the relevant funding mechanism. The awardee must attend the NASPGHAN Annual Meeting in Atlanta, October 23-26, to accept the award.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must:

- Be a full NASPGHAN member in good standing and completed training in pediatric gastroenterology after 1/1/2009 or
- Plan to complete subspecialty residency (fellowship) training in June 2014
- Be a NASPGHAN member in good standing and have NASPGHAN dues paid at least one month prior to the grant deadline
- Hold a full time faculty position in an academic institution within the United States of America, Mexico or Canada.
- Not have independent R01, P01 (or similar) or CIHR operating grant at the time of application. Recipients of US mentored grants such as a KO8, K23, or equivalent Canadian and Mexican and National Foundation grants are eligible to apply, if application does not have scientific overlap. Applicant may not currently hold a NASPGHAN Foundation grant.
- If during the award period of a Foundation Young Investigator Grant, a NIH R01, P01, (or similar) or CIHR Operating Grant is awarded, Foundation monies must be relinquished. K-series awardees may

retain Foundation grants, but only after official notification of the Foundation of a modified percent effort.

### **REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The NASPGHAN Research Committee members and potentially other *ad hoc* reviewers as invited by the Research Committee Chair will review applications for all awards. Primary emphasis is given to scientific strength and innovation of the proposed work, qualifications of the applicant and commitment of the applicant's Division and Department. The potential for an independent research career is also an important criterion. 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 prior to grant review and will lead to potential disqualification.

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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 in the NIH PHS 398 format (available for download at <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>)
2. The research plan structured according to the new 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 (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. Two letters of recommendation are required. One letter should be from the individual responsible for the applicant's research training which should describe the applicant's potential for an independent research career. The other should be from the applicant's academic division or department leader (Section Chief or Department Chair) at the time of grant activation. This letter should clearly delineate a commitment of 70% protected time for research, as well as an adequate assignment of space, equipment and resources for the proposed research.
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.