NASPGHAN FOUNDATION INNOVATIONS IN CLINICAL CARE GRANT

Submission Deadline: July 1, 2026

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.

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 U.S. 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 must not hold another NASPGHAN Foundation grant at the start of the award (Mid-December 2026).

Grant Term and Stipulations

- The Foundation will award up to two grants, each ranging from $5,000 to $10,000 for a one-year period. Additional monies are not available for indirect cost recovery.
- Grant funds may be allocated for conference travel expenses, up to $1,000.
- Grant applications will be funded to a maximum of $10,000. Applications submitting budgets larger than $10,000 must state how the project will otherwise be funded for feasibility.
- Any marketable or educational 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 2026 NASPGHAN Annual Meeting to accept the award.

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.
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 relations to scope of project
- Generalizability to other practices

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.

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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:
    - Summary of the project (maximum one page)
    - Needs Assessment and Aims: Why is this project important? What gap in quality or care delivery is it intended to fill?
    - 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.
    - Budget: Include personnel, supplies and other costs