

The 2025 NF Northeast Research Award Application

Purpose: These awards are intended to provide “seed funds” to support initiation of projects and generation of pilot data which form the basis for application to granting agencies and/or industry support. Early career faculty are encouraged to apply.

Funding: Grants are \$50,000 (including a maximum of 10% indirect costs) for one year (November 1, 2025 – October 31st, 2026)

Timeline: Applications period opens 5/1/2025 and proposals must be submitted by 5pm on 7/1/2025.

May 1st – Application period opens and call for proposals

July 1st – Proposals due

August 15th – Notification of awards

October 1st – Awards sent out

Awardees may be requested to attend general or executive NFNE meetings to accept the awarded grants and/or to discuss the proposed or completed research with NFNE members. All clinical research and animal studies must comply with existing institutional, local, and federal government regulations & guidelines for the protection of human and animal research subjects.

Preferred candidates will provide evidence for the following:

- Successful track record of biomedical research, including publications in peer-reviewed journals and awards from NIH or other organized granting agencies.
- Demonstrated commitment to NF research.
- Institutional support, with agreement to accept the NFNE grant without overhead costs (or minimal overhead costs as agreed upon with NFNE).
- Other existing or pending research support necessary to complete the proposed research if NFNE awards partial or supplemental funds.

When applicable, all clinical research must be reviewed and approved by the relevant Institutional Review Board. Preclinical research must comply with local and federal regulations and guidelines.

Application Format

The applicant will submit a cover letter detailing how much total funding will be requested and give an approximate breakdown of how this will be utilized. NFNE encourages succinct applications prefaced by a cover letter that contains a 1-page summary in lay language.

The applicant may utilize a completed application prepared for another funding agency (e.g., NIH, DoD, or other funding organizations). The applicant should provide explicit evidence that existing or pending funds do not overlap the proposed research proposal submitted to NFNE, including a letter from the institution's office of grants and contracts.

The outcome of any possible patent applications, derived from research, should be explained within the application or in a cover letter. In some situations, a principal investigator/awardee may be a trainee/associate of a senior investigator whose ongoing research is important for the project. NFNE may also determine that research projects require the resources and environment listed in the original submission. NFNE must approve any transfer of awarded grants between departments or institutions.

Progress Reporting

The grant proposal should include a timeline, outlining milestones of the research planned for completion. A report detailing the outcome of the project is due upon completion. The format of the report should include a lay summary and any manuscripts or abstracts that have been submitted or published by the investigator based on or related to the research project.

Unless otherwise stipulated, all publications developed from the funded project should include acknowledgment of support from NFNE, cited as follows: NEUROFIBROMATOSIS NORTHEAST, 9 Bedford Street, Burlington, MA 01803, www.nfnortheast.org, sklein@nfnortheast.org

The applicant must also provide a final report at the end of the project, including how the funds were spent and definitive outcomes, and include any abstracts or publications that were developed from the research.

The grant does not imply continued funding. The applicant must reapply for a grant if the project continues. Funding does not constitute automatic/unstructured endorsement of funded labs or affiliates in their own public disclosures. Funding of grants is made in a minimum of two payments, with the first installment paid upon NFNE's approval of the grant and awardee notification, and the second installment paid upon the completion of the project and receipt of required progress and final reports.

Conflict of Interest

Investigators need to disclose potential conflict of interests and make complete disclosures of connections with relevant commercial enterprises.

Email research@nfnortheast.org to submit LOI, full proposals, and progress reports.