

NF Northeast Research Funding Opportunity:

Purpose: These awards are designed to provide “seed funds” to support initiation of projects and generation of preliminary data that may serve as the basis for future applications to federal, foundation or industry funding sources. Early-career faculty are encouraged to apply. Applications from candidates with more than two years of postdoctoral experience will also be considered, provided they include from the candidate’s institution/department and mentor confirming institutional support and attesting that the candidate’s guaranteed funded appointment will extend through the proposed project period.

Funding: Grants are up to \$75,000 including a maximum of 10% indirect costs for one year (November 18th, 2026- November 18th, 2027)

Timeline: Applications period opens 7/1/26 and proposals must be submitted by 5pm on 9/15/2026.

July 1st	Application period opens
September 15th	Proposals due
October 30th	Notification of awards
November 18th	Funding begins

Preferred candidates will demonstrate the following:

- A strong track record of biomedical research productivity, including peer-reviewed publications and prior funding from competitive granting agencies.
- A demonstrated commitment to NF research.
- Institutional support, including agreement to accept the award with indirect costs capped at 10%.
- Sufficient existing or pending research support to successfully complete the proposed project should NFNE provide partial or supplemental funding.

Awardees may be invited to attend NF Northeast general or executive meetings to formally receive the award and/or to discuss the progress or outcomes of their research with NFNE members. All clinical research and animal research supported through this program must comply with all applicable institutional, local, state and federal regulations and guidelines governing the protection of human and animal participants.

Application Format

A complete application should be submitted as a **single PDF**. All materials should use a minimum 11-point Arial font and 1-inch margins.

1. Cover Letter

- Brief introductory letter addressed to the Review Committee.

2. Project Proposal

The proposal (excluding the lay summary and references) must not exceed 3 pages and should include.

- **Project Title**
- **Project Lay Summary:** (Maximum 100 words; not included in page).
- **Research Proposal:**
 - Background and significance
 - Specific aims and hypotheses
 - Preliminary data (if available)
 - Methods
 - Analysis plan
 - Project timeline outlining anticipated milestones and deliverables
 - References: up to 1 additional page (not included in the 3-page limit)

3. Applicant Information

- **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** Include current and pending funding support.
- **Conflict of Interest Disclosure** (if applicable).
- **Letter from Institution's Office of Grants and Contracts and mentor (if applicable)** confirming institutional support.
- **Conflict of Interest Form** Investigators must disclose any potential conflicts of interest, including relationships with relevant commercial entities, using the NF Northeast disclosure form.

Note: NIH Biosketch may be included but does not replace the required CV.

4. Budget (Separate from Project Proposal)

Proposed Budget: Up to \$75,000 total costs (inclusive of 10% indirect costs).

Allowable expenses may include

- Salary support (percent effort or calendar months)
- Research technician or coordinator support
- Research supplies
- Travel related to the project

- Other justified project-related expenses

Non-allowable expenses

- Tuition or coursework-related expenses
- Applicants should clearly indicate all current and pending support and describe any scientific or budgetary overlap with the proposed project.
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- **Budget Justification:** Maximum 1 page, describing and justifying all requested costs.

Progress Reporting

Investigators are required to submit a final report, not to exceed two pages, within one month after the end of the funding period.

The report should include:

- A summary of project outcomes and key findings
- A brief lay summary describing the significance of the work
- An accounting of how funds were utilized
- Any abstracts, manuscripts or publications submitted or published as a result of the funded research

Investigators should also forward any subsequent publications arising from the funded work to NF Northeast as they become available.

Acknowledgement of Support

Unless otherwise specified, all abstracts, presentations and publications resulting from NF Northeast funded research should acknowledge support from Neurofibromatosis Northeast and the website: www.nfnortheast.org

Funding through this mechanism does not imply continued or renewable support beyond the approved project period. Investigators seeking continued funding must submit a new application for future consideration. Receipt of funding from NF Northeast does not constitute automatic endorsement of an investigator, laboratory, institution or affiliated organization in public communications or promotional materials.

Email research@nfnortheast.org to submit full proposals.