



NANETS 2024 Research Grant Submission Instructions

The North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (NANETS) was established in 2007 with the mission of furthering neuroendocrine tumor disease diagnosis, treatment and management. Since its inception, NANETS has remained dedicated to this mission through the provision of increased education and research opportunities. NANETS is committed to connecting pioneers in the NET field to the young scientific minds who will make up the next generation of NET experts. It is through research that NANETS engages medical professionals in the early part of their careers to foster further exploration and advancement of NET diagnosis and treatment.

Since 2009, NANETS has awarded \$2.7 million in research grants to 33 medical professionals who have dedicated themselves to pursue a career in the field of neuroendocrinology and NET disease. This year, NANETS is offering two research grants to support innovative research initiatives and encourage young researchers and scientific clinicians to become NET specialists. **Please click on the links to read the specifications for each grant.**

1. [NANETS Basic/Translational Science Investigator Grant](#) (BTSI), supported by the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation, \$100,000 over two years beginning January 2025.
2. [NANETS Clinical Investigator Scholarship](#) (NCIS), supported by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, \$50,000 over one year beginning January 2025.

These research opportunities are also made possible by the generous donations of NANETS members, patients and the families of those living with NETs.

Eligibility

NANETS welcomes applications from candidates who meet the following criteria:

- Candidates must have a MD, PhD, MD/PhD, DO degree, or equivalent.
- At the time of funding, candidates must be:
 - Within 6 years of starting their first faculty position and currently have an academic appointment at an accredited medical school or other institution in North America,
 - OR hold a postdoctoral fellowship appointment at an accredited medical school or other institution in North America.
- Candidates must be a NANETS member in good standing.

- Previous recipients of BTSI, NCIS, or NTIG awards are not eligible to apply.

Application Review and Notification Process

Applications are reviewed and scored by the NANETS' Scientific Review & Research Committee comprised of NET medical research experts. Criteria for selection will include both the research proposal itself and the potential of the individual to make future scientific and/or clinical contributions to the neuroendocrine tumor field. Strong emphasis will be placed on the career development plan and the applicant's personal statements, as well as the research proposal. The research proposals section should focus on research projects with the potential to directly impact and improve the treatment of patients with neuroendocrine tumors. Appropriate projects would include (but are not limited to) studies of neuroendocrine tumor **biology**, epidemiology, risk factors, clinical outcomes, novel treatment strategies, and translational research projects with clear clinical significance.

Important dates to remember:

- **7/16/2024, 11:59 pm Pacific Time: Deadline to submit**
- On or about 8/15/2024: Notifications sent
- 8/30/2024: Last day to confirm acceptance of research grant
- 10/10/2024: Letter of Agreement and all required paperwork due

Submission Process

- Applications must be submitted via our online system by the deadline. Photocopies or facsimile copies will not be accepted and will be discarded.
- **Login:** If you are new to our portal, you will be asked to create a new account to submit your application. **NOTE: Upon account creation, you will be required to complete a profile page, fill out a conflict of interest form and upload a resume or CV.**
- Please note: Even if you have used the submission portal for previous NANETS activities, additional information may be collected in the profile data. You will need to review and update your profile information, or it will appear incomplete. Specifically, the "Institution type" and "Race" questions may need to be completed again for some users.
- **Editing a Proposal:** You CAN NOT edit your proposal once it has been submitted.
- All communication will go through this system. You will be sent an email confirmation that your submission was received.

Submission Deadline: July 16, 2024 (23:59 PST)

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Online Submission System

Application Sections

The online system will lead you through the following required sections.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

You will be required to complete a Conflict of Interest form before your Research Grant Submission can be completed.

TITLE AND CATEGORY

- Project Title - Enter the title of your submission exactly how you would like it to appear. *20 words or less*
- Select Category of Grant: BTSI or NCIS

CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

750 word limit. This should be written together by the mentor and applicant. It should include intramural coursework/seminars, involvement in cooperative groups, participation in tumor boards, description of clinical protected time and plans to attend national meetings focused on neuroendocrine tumors.

PERSONAL STATEMENT BY THE CANDIDATE

500 word limit. The applicant should include a description of any past projects, evidence of interest in neuroendocrine tumors, and description of how the project will contribute to the future development of the candidate as a basic science researcher and/or clinician in the field of neuroendocrine tumors.

MENTOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

500 word limit. The mentor should include a description of how they will enhance the applicant's career opportunities and leadership skills, outline their role in the mentoring relationship and ability to supervise the applicant, explain how they will provide a positive learning environment to include the institutional commitment of support for the mentor's time.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1,000 word limit. Please refer to the Selection Criteria outlined in the RFA and be sure to address the criteria specific to the grant for which you are applying. *The rich text editor supports the creation or import of tables from Word, or you may upload a one page file in the next section for relevant figures or tables associated with the project. Permitted file type: PDF Document, Word Document*

PROPOSED BUDGET

Grant funds can be used to support the salary of the applicant, project costs and/or travel. Indirect expenses are capped at five percent (5%). Upload a detailed budget spreadsheet in this section.

Permitted file type: Excel Spreadsheet

NOTE to NCIS applicants: Grant funds are to be used to support the costs associated with the approved research project. Novartis funds cannot be used for overhead costs (such as indirect costs), travel expenses, meals or beverages, or transfers of value payments for: Physician Assistants; Nurse Practitioners; Clinical Nurse Specialists; Certified Nurse Midwives; Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists; and Anesthesiologist Assistants.

ELIGIBILITY

Select Yes or No to confirm your eligibility to apply for a NANETS research grant (see eligibility above).

UPLOADS (REQUIRED)

Permitted file types: PDF Document, Word Document, Apple Pages Document

1. NIH Biosketch of Applicant (5 page maximum)
2. NIH Biosketch of Mentor (5 page maximum)
3. Letter of Mentor Support (1 page maximum)
4. Letter of Institutional Support (1 page maximum)
5. **Optional:** Figures and tables (1 page maximum)

AFFIRMATIONS

Read each affirmation statement carefully. You must select “I agree” in order to submit the application.

1. I understand that funding of this scholarship is subject to the approval and availability of grant funds appropriated to NANETS. Therefore, NANETS reserves the right to alter the number of investigator awards, terms and allowances.
2. I understand that the submission of a proposal does not guarantee funding.
3. I certify that, if approved for funding, the proposed study must undergo the review and approval process of applicable oversight/ethics committees (e.g., IRB, EC, IACUC, etc.).

MENTORS

Add mentors in this section – Name, Email, Institution, Title. Mentors are notified by e-mail of their addition to this submission. If the notification is not received, be sure to check your spam folder. *You can not submit until at least one mentor has been added.*

SUBMISSION

Once submitted, you CAN NOT edit your research grant proposal. You will receive an email notification that your submission has been completed. If the notification email is not received, be sure to check your spam folder.

[Submit an Application](#)

Disclaimer: Funding is subject to the approval and availability of grant funds appropriated to NANETS. Therefore, NANETS reserves the right to alter the number of investigator awards, terms, and allowances.

Questions

Technical Issues: Please contact am_support+nanets@affinityced.com.

Content Questions: Please contact NANETS Staff at staff@nanets.net or (518) 465-4549, Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm ET.