

NASPGHAN Foundation/APGNN Susan Moyer Nursing Research Grant

Submission Deadline: July 1, 2026,

Description and Objective

This one-year grant is available to pediatric gastroenterology, nutrition, and hepatology nurses to support research and/or quality improvement (QI) activities that have the potential to advance nursing care of patients and families of children with gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, pancreatic or nutritional disorders. Monies are awarded in support of meritorious research and/or QI projects to study the nursing care of families and children with pediatric gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, pancreatic or nutritional disorders.

Eligibility

APGNN applicant must:

- Be the primary investigator or a co-investigator in the study.
- Be a Registered Nurse with a minimum of a bachelor's degree.
- Be a *full member* of APGNN in good standing for a minimum of 6 months prior to the application and maintain membership for the duration of the grant and research and/or QI process.
- Be employed, either full time or part time and have a sustained interest in the field of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Nursing in the United States of America, Mexico, or Canada.
- Not have R01, CIHR, P01 (or similar) grant funding; recipients of US mentored grants such as a K08, K23, or equivalent Canadian and Mexican National Foundation grants are eligible to apply.
- Not hold funding from any granting agency for a project with overlapping scientific objectives at the time the grant is made or during the one-year period of the grant.
- Plan to obtain approval from their Institutional Review Board/Review Ethics Board if applicable. Monies will not be distributed until IRB approval is obtained or an IRB letter is submitted indicating the study is exempt from IRB review, with the exception of those IRB's requiring upfront fees with the initial application.

Mentorship:

- A faculty MD or PhD must be identified as a co-investigator (mentor) and listed on the application with co-investigator's signature in addition to the applicant's signature. The role of the mentor is to assist in project formation and grant writing primarily. Continued research mentorship during the project is advantageous but not required. This requirement ensures that the submitted grant meets the rigor of NASPGHAN's review process.
- If you cannot identify a MD or PhD mentor, please notify APGNN Clinical Inquiry Chair, Amy Kuzmich, CNS, (ackuzmich@gmail.com) who will work with NASPGHAN's Research Committee to assign a mentor. This should ideally occur six months prior to submission, with a minimum of three-month notification.

Grant Term and Stipulations

- The NASPGHAN Foundation will award up to three grants ranging from \$500 to \$5000 for one year to the successful applicant.
- Institutional indirect costs are not allowed.
- Funds for grants awarded in 2026 will be disbursed in mid-December 2026.
- All publications resulting from work supported by the NASPGHAN Foundation must acknowledge support by the relevant funding mechanism.
- The awardee must attend the 2026 NASPGHAN Annual Meeting to accept the award. The awardee must present the results of the research project at the 2028 NASPGHAN Annual Meeting.
- The awardee will be expected to become a member of the APGNN Clinical Inquiry Committee for 2 years.

Review Procedures

The APGNN Clinical Inquiry Committee, the APGNN president, two members of the NASPGHAN Research Committee, and potentially other ad hoc reviewers as invited by the Research Committee will review applications for the grants.

Primary emphasis is given to scientific strengths and innovation of the proposed work, impact on nursing care of children and families, and commitment of the applicant and applicant's employing institution.

Members of the review panel will follow strict conflict of interest guidelines. Contact between the applicant and committee members regarding applications is strictly prohibited and will lead to potential disqualification.

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Grant 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 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 and/or QI.
2. The research and/or QI plan structured according to the 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 THREE single spaced pages will be reviewed. References are not included in this maximum page count).
 - **Objective and hypothesis:** State clearly the purpose of the study including how the project makes an original contribution to nursing care of children & families within our specialty; state concisely what the research and/or QI project is intended to accomplish and/or what hypothesis will be tested. QI projects should include an AIM statement.
 - **Needs assessment:** Why is this project important; provide the background for your project; evaluate existing knowledge & identify gaps that your project is intended to fill.
 - **Budget (\$500-\$5000):** Include a detailed description that includes personnel, supplies, computer costs, stipends, etc.
 - **Implementation:** How the plan will be implemented and by whom.
 - **Tools and/or instruments (i.e., questionnaires):** Address how any tool will be used; any instrument used should be included in the appendix.
 - **Procedure:** Describe the procedure(s) to be used for proposed data collection
 - **Target population:** Describe the target population and characteristics of the subjects, the rationale for sample size, the sampling procedure, and the setting for data collection.
 - **Outcome measures:** What you specifically plan to assess or develop; next steps based on your outcome.
3. MD or PhD must be identified as a co-investigator (mentor) and listed on the application with co-investigator's signature in addition to applicant's signature. This requirement ensures that the submitted grant meets the rigor of NASPGHAN's review process. Submit the signature as a PDF or Word document.