



North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society Pilot Research Grant Proposal

Pilot Research Grant Program. NANOS recognizes the need to stimulate investigator-initiated research programs in Neuro-Ophthalmology. The NANOS Pilot Research Grant Program provides a one-year, non-renewable source of funding to help principal investigators generate preliminary data that will lead to additional funding from other national agencies or foundations. Priority is given towards research that will provide preliminary data for future substantial grant applications. In this spirit, new or innovative projects will be supported but should have a sound medical/scientific justification. A scientific panel will review the applications, and the final award will be subject to approval by the NANOS Board.

Scientific Review Panel. The scientific review panel consists of the chair of the NANOS Research Committee, the chair of the pilot grant program, and four additional NANOS members who may be nominated by any NANOS member and appointed by the chair of the NANOS Research Committee following approval of the slate by the NANOS Board. Appointment to the Scientific Review Committee will be made prior to the requests for proposals and will not preclude a committee member from submitting a research proposal. The members of the review panel are appointed on renewable two-year terms. The review panel will consist of individuals with expertise in either basic or clinical research. The chair of the pilot grant program will assign all grants for review and will serve as the chair of the scientific review panel. Each grant application will be thoroughly evaluated by at least two appropriate members of the review panel, the evaluation presented to the total panel for discussion, scored by all members of the review panel and the average score determined. In the event that a committee member submits or is a co-investigator of a pilot research proposal then they will be excluded from discussions about or the final voting regarding this proposal. The chair may appoint an ad hoc reviewer in order to obtain additional expertise regarding a specific proposal.

Specific Grant Details:

1) **Applicant Qualifications.** The applicant must be an Active or Fellow member of NANOS.

2) **Grant Application Funding Level.** This pilot program provides up to \$25,000 in grant support and anticipates funding one project per year.

3) **Budget.**

- a) Salary support for the PI is generally not provided in this pilot grant program. However, for specific circumstances the PI may request an exception with appropriate justification.
- b) Indirect costs to the affiliated department or university will not be provided through this grant program.
- c) Salary support is available for personnel such as technician or statistician.
- d) Funds for supplies are included in this grant.
- e) Funds for equipment purchase are generally excluded except through significant justification.
- f) Proposals with overt commercial value are excluded from this pilot program.

5) **Proposal** (The applicant must provide **one electronic PDF** submission of the entire application components to NANOS at info@nanosweb.org.)

- a) **Summary Sheet** (below)
- b) **Project description** (limit to 7 single spaced pages, font Times New Roman 12, and 1 inch page margins) to include a brief review of the background for the investigation and the significance of the proposal (1 page), specific aims of the proposal and any preliminary work (2 pages), Research Plan for the proposal including methods (up to 4 pages). A brief description of how this grant might enable the application for additional future research support should be included.
- c) **References**
- d) **Key personnel**
- e) **Budget**
- f) **NIH style biosketch of PI**
- g) **Other support information**, including all grants received in the preceding 5 years and publications that resulted from those grants.
- h) **Addendum** – the applicant may include one reprint or preprint.

6) Important Dates:

Submission deadline is **January 15, 2016**. Grant review will occur at or just prior to the NANOS 2016 Meeting in February and a start date of April 1, 2016, is anticipated for the funding.

Please submit applications electronically to info@nanosweb.org. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the NANOS Executive Office at info@nanosweb.org or (952) 646-2037.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY SHEET**

Date: _____

Research Proposal Title: _____

Principal Investigator: _____

Name: _____

Academic Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Projects requiring use of Humans or Animals

If the research project involves the use of human subjects or animals then appropriate approvals from your institutional review board or animal research committee is required. Approval may be pending at the time of application, but if your application is recommended for funding, proof of all approvals must be provided in writing prior to release of funds to your institution.

Agreement

If this proposal is funded by NANOS then I agree to provide a mid-year progress report and a project summary and financial statement within 60 days of the completion of the funding time period. In addition I agree to return any unused funds to NANOS and to acknowledge the grant support in writing in any abstract or publication that results from this grant.

Printed Name of Principal Investigator

Signature of Principal Investigator

Signature of Department Chair (if applicable)

Date

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