

**American Academy of Neurology
2009 Educational Research Grant
Request for Proposals (RFP)
Deadline: Monday, August 25, 2008, 6:00 p.m., CST**

The American Academy of Neurology (AAN) Education Research Subcommittee (ERS) requests proposals to promote education research.

Summary: Parties interested in receiving an education research grant to study the effectiveness of neurological education programs must submit proposals by 6 pm central time, Monday, August 25, 2008. Timeline for grant projects is January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. Two to four grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000 will be awarded based on the proposal and merits of the project.

AAN Definition of Education Research: The AAN defines “education research” as the qualitative and quantitative study of hypothesis-driven observations or interventions on the acquisition of knowledge or training. (Definition reviewed/approved by AAN Board of Directors in February 2006.)

Background Information:

Education research grants have been developed to:

1. Study the effectiveness of neurologic educational programs to insure they are meeting the needs of their constituents (i.e., medical students, residents, fellows, and practicing neurologists)
2. Strengthen the educational programs of the AAN for quality improvement and credentialing purposes (i.e., ACCME accreditation)
3. Train neurologic educators to perform and publish education research as one component of career development for academic educators

Eligibility Requirements:

The principal investigator must be an Associate or Active member of the AAN.

Applications must be no longer than 12 single-spaced pages, including title page, abstract, research proposal, references, IRB status, and budget. An NIH biosketch and letters of endorsement are also required, but are not included in the 10-page limit. Below is additional information on each of the requirements:

1. Title Page: Include project title, principal investigator’s name, title, institutional affiliation, address, phone number, fax number, and email address as well as the names, titles, and institutional affiliations of the other investigators.
2. Research Abstract: Include an up to 250 word summary of your proposal for future publications.
3. Research Proposal: Include a well-defined research problem, relevance of the project to the discipline of neurologic medical education, hypotheses and aims, methodology including well-defined design, subject population, data analysis, assessment tools, and a timeline.
4. References: Please use the *Neurology* (journal) reference style.
5. IRB Status/Restrictions on Eligibility: Include the status of the IRB’s review of the proposal, contact information for the IRB, and if there are any restrictions on your eligibility.
6. Budget: The submitted budget must be intrinsic to the methodology (i.e., collecting data) in executing the study. The budget should list a breakdown of costs (by line item) with description and justification of each item. A maximum of 10% of the total grant budget may be designated for indirect (facilities and administration) costs. Applications with the intent to obtain matching funds from another source will be considered, and should include details as appropriate. The detailed budget submitted to the other funding source should be included as an appendix to the proposal.
7. NIH Biosketch: An NIH Biosketch for the principal investigator and other investigators must be submitted with the proposal.

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8. Letters of Endorsement: The proposal must be accompanied by a letter of endorsement from the principal investigator's institution (e.g., department chair or designated institutional officer).

Deadline:

All applications must be e-mailed to Kelly Piatt, Manager, Education at kpiatt@aan.com by Monday, August 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., CST.

Review Process:

Applications will be reviewed, judged, and selected by the Education Research Subcommittee (ERS) based on the following AAN judging/selection criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed research is innovative or will advance assessment in medical education or practice
- The adequacy of the research design or methodology
- The qualifications of the principal investigator and primary project staff
- The relevance and significance of the proposal to the purpose and goals of AAN Education Research
- The adequacy of the budget, timetable, and other key project resources

If a member of the ERS has a conflict of interest relevant to a proposal, that member will abstain from the judging and selection process, and a member(s) of the AAN Education Committee will be asked to serve on the ERS judging/selection panel if the excluded member(s) results in a lack of a quorum for the selection process. Notification of acceptance or rejection of a proposal will be sent in late November 2008.

Upon Acceptance:

The principal investigator must:

- Submit a letter indicating IRB approval prior to the release of funds
- Submit quarterly progress reports and a year-end (final) report to the AAN

For additional questions please contact:

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