



Career Development Grants - Overview

The Pediatric Epilepsy Research Foundation® (PERF®) in partnership with the Child Neurology Society (CNS) supports two opportunities for early-stage investigators (ESI) who are a legal resident of the United States or Canada and a Junior or Active member of the Child Neurology Society. These are the **PERF®-CNS Elterman Research Grant** and **PERF®-CNS Shields Research Grant**. An ESI is an individual who is within 10 years of completing their terminal degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, and as a Principal Investigator has not received an independent grant, such as an R01 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or equivalent major support from another funding organization.

PERF®-CNS Elterman Research Grant This research grant supports **clinical or basic science** research by a child neurologist or developmental pediatrician early in his/her academic career. The selected investigator will receive a \$150,000 grant of \$75,000 per year for two years.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The applicant completed training in child neurology or neurodevelopment disabilities in an accredited program no more than ten (10) years prior to application.
2. There are no citizenship requirements however the research must be conducted in the United States or Canada.
3. The applicant is a Junior or Active member of the Child Neurology Society.
4. Currently funded research is disqualified except for an NIH KL2, K12, T32, or R25 grant.
5. Research does not need to focus on epilepsy.

PERF®-CNS Shields Research Grant This research grant supports **translational or clinical research** by a child neurologist or developmental pediatrician early in his/her academic career. The selected investigator will receive a \$150,000 grant of \$75,000 per year for two years.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The applicant completed training in child neurology or neurodevelopment disabilities in an accredited program no more than ten (10) years prior to application.
2. The **PERF®-CNS Shields Grant** must have a clinical research/patient care component. Research does not need to focus on epilepsy.
3. There are no citizenship requirements however the research must be conducted in the United States or Canada.
4. The applicant is a Junior or Active member of the Child Neurology Society.

5. Currently funded research is disqualified except for an NIH KL2, K12, T32, or R25 grant.

Application Submission Deadline: April 15, 2024. Applicants will be informed of the committee's decision by June 30, 2024.

Career Development Grant Application Instructions

Procedure for All Grants

Submit a single electronic copy of a research proposal to PERFCDG@gmail.com. A scientific grant review committee appointed by the Child Neurology Society (CNS) will be impressed with clarity of expression and succinctness of style and a Research Plan that **can be accomplished within two years**.

Formatting Requirement

- Double-spaced
- ½" margins
- 11-point Arial font

Review and follow additional instructions in the [PERF® Career Development Awards FAQ Sheet](#), which is available to view/download on the PERF® website, “**GRANTS/OUR CURRENT GRANTS**” page.

Prepare the proposal with the following format and word/page limitation.

Core Section	Document	Limitation
1	Face Page	Two pages
2	Table of Contents	One page
3	Abstract	Maximum 300 words
4	Specific Aims	One page (single-spaced acceptable)
5	Work by Others	Two pages
6	Work by Investigator	Two pages
7	Research Plan	Four pages
8	References	Two pages
9	Investigator Biosketch	Five pages
10	Letters of Recommendation	None
11	Appendix	
Appendix Section	Document	Limitation
i	Human subjects	
ii.	Vertebrate animal	
iii.	Budget, period of support, justification	
iv.	Resources	
v.	Performance sites and key personnel	
vi.	NIH Biosketch for any other additional key personnel	Not to exceed 5 pages per key personnel

Procedure for All Grants, continued

- Convert the entire proposal to a **PDF format** and send copies to PERFCDDG@gmail.com
- **Application Submission Deadline.** The complete proposal must be received **on or before 5:00 pm Central Time April 15, 2024**. The abstract may also be submitted to the CNS Scientific Selection Committee for consideration as a Poster or Platform Presentation.
- Applications that do not adhere to the sanctioned procedure will be returned without review.
- The applicant will be informed of the Committee's decision by June 30, 2024.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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