

Career Development Awards FAQ Sheet

1. **Which Grant should I apply for?** The **Pediatric Epilepsy Research Foundation[®] (PERF[®])-CNS Elterman Research Grant** supports clinical or basic science research while the **PERF[®]-CNS Shields Research Grant** supports translational or clinical research. The applicant should review the “**Career Development Grants Overview and Guidance**” for eligibility criteria and application instructions.
2. **Is there a difference in the relevant scientific agenda for the PERF[®]-CNS Elterman vs the PERF[®]-CNS Shields award?** No. However, the Shields grant needs to have a clinical component, whereas the Elterman grant does not. **The PERF[®]-CNS grants do not need to be related to epilepsy.** Currently funded research is disqualified for the PERF Elterman and Shields Grants except for an NIH KL2, R25 or T32 grant. Candidates are eligible for the PERF Elterman and Shields Grants if they have received an NIH KL2, R25 or T32 grant.
3. **Am I eligible to apply if I have a mentored NIH grant?** No, you are not eligible to apply if you have a NIH K08, K23, or K99.
4. **Are projects that include collaboration with international sites and patient population eligible?** Yes, however the grant applicant must hold appointment at a U.S./Canada institution; while a proposal may include international programs or sites, the grant funds are intended to support research activities conducted by sites in the U.S. or Canada.
5. **Can CNS members who previously received a CNS or CNF grant or award apply for a PERF[®]-CNS Elterman/Shields research grant?** Yes, the Awards Committee will consider every application. However, when considering two or more outstanding proposals, the Committee may give preference to the applicant without prior funding from CNS, CNF, or PERF.
6. **Indirect Costs** including facilities or administrative costs are not funded. A letter from the Investigator's Sponsored Projects office is not required. However, at least one reference letter should include a yellow highlighted statement of the applicant's eligibility for the Award and should document the willingness of the institution to accept the award without indirect costs and provision of sufficient protected time to perform the research described in the application. These highlighted statements are often included in a letter from the applicant's Section Chief or Department Chair.
7. **Is there a percent effort requirement for the PI?** No.
8. **Are there any restrictions on using funds for PI or research assistant salary?** No.
9. **When does the funding cycle begin?** Award recipients will be notified by the end of June of the granting year. The funding cycle begins September 1 contingent on execution of the grant agreement and IRB approval of the research project.
10. **CNS Annual Meeting Abstract Requirement.** During the grant period, or in the following year (i.e. April), the Awardee will be required to submit an abstract for presentation to the CNS Annual Meeting. Should the abstract be accepted for publication, the Awardee will receive a fee waiver to cover the cost of meeting registration. We also anticipate that projects funded by this grant will lead to publication of original research in peer-reviewed journals. The abstract for the poster/platform should be appropriately modified to conform with the CNS Meeting Guidelines (Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusions).
11. **The Grant Application.** The suggested format and instructions for completing the application are provided in the document, “**Career Development Grants Overview and Guidance.**”