

PERF-CNS Career Development Research Grant FAQ Sheet

1. **Which Grant should I apply for?** The **Pediatric Epilepsy Research Foundation® (PERF®)-CNS Elterman Research Grant** supports clinical or basic science pediatric neurology research while the **PERF®-CNS Shields Research Grant** supports translational or clinical pediatric neurology research. The applicant should review the “**Career Development Research Grants Overview and Guidance**” for eligibility criteria and application instructions.
2. **Does PERF fund grants that propose to study topics other than epilepsy? Yes! PERF funds research on topics related to any aspect of pediatric neurology.** PERF grants do not need to be related to epilepsy.
3. **Is there a difference in the relevant scientific agenda for the PERF®-CNS Elterman vs the PERF®-CNS Shields award?** The Shields grant needs to have a clinical component, whereas the Elterman grant does not.
4. **Am I eligible to apply if I have a mentored NIH grant?** No, you are not eligible to apply if you ever had or currently have a NIH K-series grant (e.g. KL2, K08, K12, K23, or K99) since those grants provide more than \$100,000 in research funding.
5. **Am I eligible to apply if I have other grants?** Applicants who have received support totaling more than \$100,000 (direct costs) from any competitive grant mechanism (i.e. extramural or intramural grants) are not eligible for the Shields or Elterman grant.
6. **Am I eligible if I have intramural grant funding?** Yes, but intramural funding counts toward the \$100,000 cap the same way extramural funding does. Applicants who have received more than \$100,000 in funding from any competitive grant mechanism (i.e., extramural or intramural grants) are not eligible for the Shields or Elterman grant.
7. **Are projects that include collaboration with international sites and patient population eligible?** Yes. The grant applicant must be a legal resident of the United States or Canada (U.S. or Canadian citizenship is not required) and must hold an appointment at an institution in the U.S.A. or Canada. While a proposal may include international components, the grant funds are intended to support research activities conducted by sites in the U.S.A. or Canada.
8. **Can CNS members who previously received a CNS or CNF grant or award apply for a PERF-CNS Elterman or 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. Note that applicants who have had more than \$100,000 in previous grant funding are not eligible for the Shields or Elterman grants.
9. **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.
10. **Is there a percent effort requirement for the PI?** No.
11. **Are there any restrictions on using funds for PI or research assistant salary?** No.

12. **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.
13. **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 through the CNS 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.
14. **AI Use Disclosure and Attestation.** The applicant must disclose use of any AI technology platform used for completing this application. A signed attestation is required in the application packet.
15. **The Grant Application.** The suggested format and instructions for completing the application are provided in the document, **PERF®-CNS Career Development Research Grants Overview and Guidance**.