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## Research Grants

On an annual basis the National Pancreas Foundation provides multiple research grants in the amount of \$50,000. NPF has given over \$5 million to fund over 130 ground-breaking research projects.

## Grant Eligibility Criteria

### Applicant Criteria:

1. Applicants must be employed by an institution engaged in health-related research.
2. Applicants must hold an advanced degree (MD, DO, PhD, MBBS, or international equivalent).
3. Applicants can be: Early-stage faculty within 5 years of their first faculty or staff appointment OR Postdoctoral Associates or Fellows.
4. An exception to the 5-year window may be granted for interruptions of work experience due to extenuating circumstances and clinical training. Applicants whose time on faculty exceeds the 5-year window and who believe they may be eligible should contact the NPF to confirm eligibility before submitting the application.
5. Applicants are required to cite a mentor on the project, whose NIH Biosketch and Other Support should be provided.
6. Each applicant should provide letter of support from the mentor clearly stating that they will be responsible for the conduct of the research.
7. International applicants are eligible to apply. However, the mentor needs to be a member of a U.S. professional society or association (APA, AGA, AAS/SUS, etc).

who are part of a clinical training program are required to submit a statement of good standing and protected time for the proposed research from the institutional supervisor (e.g., Fellowship Program Director).

The NPF award is intended to provide one year of funding for trainees and junior faculty who wish to gain a foothold in exocrine pancreas research. As such, those who are current recipients or have previously received the following research grants are ineligible: Past NPF Research grant awardees; recipients of an RO1, UO1, R21, or equivalent from another federal agency (as PI or MPI); K award or related career development award from a research foundation (e.g., AGA, APA). Applicants may only submit one grant application per year.

### Research/Grant Criteria:

- The research must be in the broad field of pancreatic diseases, including pancreas physiology and function, in children or adults. Studies intended to advance knowledge in the areas of pancreatic malignancy, and all forms of pancreatitis, would be the closest to the areas of interest of the NPF. Applications from other fields are welcome, but the proposal will require clear intersection with diseases of the exocrine pancreas.
- Grant research proposals should directly address questions in basic, experimental, translational or clinical pancreas disease research, including, but not limited to acute, chronic pancreatitis, pediatric pancreatitis, pancreatic cysts, pancreatic insufficiency, and pancreatic cancer, including early detection and treatment of these disorders.
- If the applicant changes institutions while applying for, or utilizing funds from the NPF, the applicant or grantee must notify the NPF, and will be subject to review based upon the change in circumstances.
- The funding should be for a pilot project, where the results lead to valuable preliminary data that could lead to a larger grant that could be transformative. It should be clearly specified how the funds/research will be used to leverage additional funding.
- The scope of work must be commensurate with the funding amount (PI's should not be sending in RO1-type applications).
- Overlap with existing sources of funding should be clearly identified in the Other Support document.

### Terms:

Grants will be made for one year only (project will start September 1, 2025). The maximum award will be \$50,000. Funding is to cover direct costs only, and costs should be reflected in the budget.

## Deadline

### 2025 Research Grant Submissions Are Due by February 15, 2025

Grant Applications currently unavailable

Please email your application to [carrie@pancreasfoundation.org](mailto:carrie@pancreasfoundation.org).

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Notification of the decision of the Board of Directors regarding funding will be emailed to the applicant and the Institutional Representative late April or early May.  
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## Research Grant Awardees

### 2024 Grant Awardees

#### Discovery of Epigenomic Biomarkers for Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer in a Spatial Context

Yang Liu, PhD, Yale University

#### The Role of Quantitative Sensory Testing in Pediatric Patients with Painful Acute Recurrent and Chronic Pancreatitis

Juan Gurria, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

#### A Novel Non-Invasive Pancreatic Duct Pressure Measurement Technique to Predict Response to Endotherapy in Patients with Chronic Pancreatitis

Venkata Akshintala, MD, Johns Hopkins

University School of Medicine

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