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The Nuclear Medicine Pilot Research Grant in Neuroendocrine Tumors (NETs)

Proposals Due August 31, 2026

This grant is designed to help a basic or clinical scientist in the early stages of their career conduct novel and innovative research that may be leveraged to lead to further funding from other foundations, corporations or government agencies.

The grant will provide \$100,000 for a two-year award.

Second-year funding will be contingent on satisfactory first-year progress reports. Funds will be directed to the

sponsoring institution. Funds may be used to support salaries, research costs, and/or travel. Indirect expenses are capped at 5%.

The deadline for submitting applications is August 31, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. E.S.T. U.S.

About the Award:

The ERF/NETRF Nuclear Medicine Research Grant in NETs is sponsored by the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation (NETRF). Written progress and budget reports submitted through the Proposal Central NETRF grant portal will be required at six-month intervals, outlining all progress to date. At the conclusion of the award period, the recipient must provide a final written report of the project and budget reconciliation. The investigator selected for the grant will be expected to attend the annual NETRF Research Symposium throughout the project and the year immediately thereafter to present findings. Grant funds may be used to cover travel costs to the Symposium. Additionally, brief outcome updates one, three, and five years following the end of the award will be required.

Applicant Eligibility:

- Basic or clinical scientists with an advanced degree, such as MD, PhD, or equivalent are eligible.
- The research must be done at a non-profit, educational institution or organization in any country.
- The institution may not be a governmental agency (i.e. NIH, NCI, etc) in any country.
- Awardee must hold a full-time faculty or equivalent position when the award starts.
- The applicant must be no more than five years post-training (training includes residency, MD/PhD training, professional school, graduate school, postdoc, or fellowship).
- Applicants must not have served as the principal investigator of a peer-reviewed grant for more than \$100,000 in a single calendar year.
- Preference will be given to individuals who have demonstrated great potential for a research career in the field of nuclear medicine/molecular imaging and whose research focuses on translational in vivo studies that include radionuclide imaging or therapy for NETs.

Submission Requirements:

There is no application form to complete. However, all packaged applications must have the following components in the order listed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Title page: Applicant Name, Project Title, Institution

- Principal investigator's current curriculum vitae or NIH Biosketch (2-page maximum including most relevant references)
- Principal investigator's ORCID number (If you do not have one, please register and include.)
- Type of Research – Please select one: Basic Science, Translational, or Clinical Research.
- Research Plan (no more than 3 pages) containing the following elements:
 - Specific Aims
 - Background and Significance
 - Preliminary Data (if available)
 - Methods
 - References (not included in page count)
- Personal statement by the applicant (1-2 pages): a description of any past research projects, evidence of interest in neuroendocrine tumors, and description of how the project will contribute to the future development of the candidate as a clinician and investigator in the field of neuroendocrine tumors.
- NET organ of interest – If applicable, select from the following: Gastrointestinal NET, Pancreas NET, Lung NET, Pheochromocytoma/Paraganglioma, other (please specify).
- Abstracts:

– **Lay abstract:** Please provide an abstract for a general audience. Be sure to describe the key question or therapeutic roadblock being addressed by your proposal and why it is important to our understanding of NETs and/or their treatment. Also, describe the potential outcomes and include a short statement describing the proposal's potential translational and clinical impact. Write in a style that the average non-scientist adult would understand without scientific terminology. (300-word maximum)

– **Technical Abstract:** Please provide an abstract for a scientific audience. Be sure to describe the key question or therapeutic roadblock being addressed by your proposal and why it is important to our understanding of NETs and/or their treatment. Also, describe the potential outcomes and how they may impact NET research and treatment. (300-word maximum)

- Letter of Institutional Support (1 page)
- Proposed Budget: The funds can be used to support salaries, research costs, and/or travel.
- Please note: No grantee may receive more than one research grant from ERF in any one year. Likewise, no other grant request will be considered until a satisfactory summary of an earlier grant is received. Applicants who currently have a NETRF award should ensure their NETRF award will end before the start of

the ERF/NETRF award since NETRF awardees may only hold one active grant at a time.

Evaluation and Selection Criteria:

- The proposal is highly relevant to advancing molecular imaging.
- The work is completely non-incremental, original and innovative.
- The proposal reflects sound methodology that is likely to prove the hypothesis.
- The protocol is based on good, scientific reasoning.
- The applicant has the knowledge/skills, resources to successfully conclude this project.
- The applicant has the support of their institution.

Submission Details:

There is no formal application form. Applicants should provide every item listed in .pdf format under the "Submission Requirements" in the order listed. Only complete packages should be submitted via email by 5:00 p.m. E.S.T. U.S. on August 31, 2025. Incomplete packages will not be considered, and ERF is not responsible for ensuring packages are complete.

Electronically submit cover letter signed by an institutional official with all documentation listed under "submission requirements" in .pdf format to: info@mierf.org; Email subject: "NETS Research Grant Material Submission – LAST NAME"

Disclaimer:

Funding of this award is subject to the approval and availability of grant funds appropriated to ERF. Therefore, ERF reserves the right to alter the number of investigator awards, terms and allowances.

Cassen Postdoctoral Mentoring Award

Proposals Due August 31, 2026

The Education and Research Foundation for Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (ERF), through a bequest from the estates of Benedict Cassen and Mary Wiley Cassen, is offering grant support for a junior scientist faculty member to recruit a post-doctoral to support research in the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. The grant is intended to provide an early-career scientist with mentoring experience and the opportunity to develop preliminary data for federal or other competitive research support. The grant will provide support for the postdoctoral fellow to carry out the research under the