

# Career Development Award

Funded by the American Academy of Neurology

Application Deadline: October 1, 2017

The American Academy of Neurology is pleased to announce a three-year award to support junior investigators interested in an academic career in neurology.

The award provides support of \$150,000 per year for three years for a total of \$450,000. Recipients of K or R awards are not eligible to apply for the Career Development Award (CDA). Applicants are allowed to apply for the AAN CDA and other federally funded career development awards (including NIH K awards and VA CDAs) or other career development awards supported by foundations of a similar scope simultaneously. If another award is received, supplementation of the CDA is permissible, but to be eligible to apply for this award, the other grant source(s) cannot exceed \$ 150,000 annually. For additional information regarding these policies, visit: [aan.com/research-and-awards/aan-research-program/frequently-asked-questions/](http://aan.com/research-and-awards/aan-research-program/frequently-asked-questions/)

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Visit [AAN.com/view/ResearchProgram](http://AAN.com/view/ResearchProgram)
2. Select "Career Development Award"
3. Select "Apply now"

Please submit only one application. The review committee will consider your application for all of the applicable funding opportunities.

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 1, 2017: Application deadline  
January 2018: Notification of recipients  
July 1, 2018: Funding begins

## ELIGIBILITY

1. This award is for junior investigators interested in an academic career in clinical, basic, or translational neurological research.
2. Recipient must be a neurologist and an AAN member interested in an academic career in neurologic research who completed residency between 5-10 years prior to the start date of the Career Development Award.
3. The applicant should hold the appointment of at least Instructor at the start of this award; alternatively, it is also acceptable if the Chair's letter specifies that the applicant will have at least this level appointment by July 1, 2018 award start date.

## EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Applications are evaluated by reviewers based on the following criteria:

- Applicant's ability and promise as a clinician-scientist based on prior record of achievement and career plan, letters of reference, and NIH Biosketch (30 percent)
- Quality and nature of the training to be provided and the institutional, departmental, and mentor-specific training environment (30 percent)
- Quality and originality of the research plan (40 percent)

## ANNUAL AND FINAL PROGRESS REPORTS

An annual progress report is due in May of the first and second year. Renewal of the award in years two and three are contingent upon presentation of satisfactory progress reports. Additionally, a final research report and a final expenditure report are due within 60 days following the close of the grant term. The final expenditure report must be prepared by the institution's financial office.

## MATERIALS FOR APPLICATION

Complete an online application by visiting [AAN.com/view/ResearchProgram](http://AAN.com/view/ResearchProgram):

1. Letter of nomination from the chair of your department, including assurance that clinical service responsibilities will be restricted to no more than 25 percent of the recipient's time. The letter must also state that the applicant will hold the position of at least Instructor by the start of the award (July 1, 2018). Note that the letter does not need to come from the chair of a neurology department; please have the letter written by the chair of the department to which you belong.
2. Six-page Research Plan, including brief statements of aims, background, and the contemplated approaches to methodology and data. The research plan should be written by the applicant and should represent his/her original work. However, the applicant is expected and encouraged to develop this plan based on discussion with the proposed mentor. It is appropriate but not required for the proposed work to be specifically related to the mentor's ongoing research.
3. Applicant's NIH Biosketch.
4. Personal statement from the applicant that outlines accomplishments to date and future career goals.
5. Two letters of reference supporting the applicant's potential for a clinical, academic research career and qualifications for the scholarship.
6. Listing of the applicant's current, pending, and overlapping support, including pending overlapping support using NIH format.
7. Letter from proposed mentor detailing his/her support of and commitment to the applicant and the proposed research and training plan. The letter should specifically indicate the mentor's role in the development and preparation of the applicant's research plan, and include:
  - How the proposed research fits into the mentor's research program
  - Expertise and experience in the area of research proposed and the nature of the mentor's proposed time commitment to the supervision and training of the applicant
  - Mentor's prior experience in the supervision, training, and successful mentoring of clinician scientists
  - Potential for applicant's future research career and comparison of applicant among other residents
8. Proposed mentor's NIH Biosketch including listing of mentor's current and pending support.
9. Plans for formal course work, including quantitative clinical epidemiology, biostatistics, study design, data analysis, and ethics.
10. Budget

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