

DIETITIANS IN NUTRITION SUPPORT

The American Dietetic Association
Dietetic Practice Group

Policy and Procedure

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Policy:

Dietitians in Nutrition Support (DNS) Practice Group of the American Dietetic Association (ADA) has established a research grant of up to \$10,000 for laboratory or clinical research related to nutrition support. Investigators should propose a research question pertaining to nutrition support with appropriate research methodology and plan for analysis and publication. Applications should be sent to the ADA Foundation (ADAF) for peer review by the DNS Research Committee.

Purpose:

The purpose of this grant is to offer financial support to members of DNS who are interested in pursuing clinical or laboratory research involving human subjects or laboratory research or other research in nutrition support. Clinical research is defined as research involving human subjects. Laboratory research is defined as research involving animals, tissues, etc.

The research award is intended for:

- Investigators without prior funding awards or other significant research support
- Established investigators in the field of nutrition support
- Undergraduate or graduate students interested in pursuing research involving nutrition support. Students must be sponsored by an active DNS member to be eligible for this award.

Applications for partial funding of ongoing funded research will not be considered, however, proposals that address original research questions arising from funded research are appropriate. The research award may not be used for funding for institutional overhead and/or salary support for investigators.

Qualifications:

The applicant must be a member of the ADA in good standing, must maintain current registration, and must be a member of DNS. The award recipient must maintain these memberships and registration status during the period of the research award. It would be beneficial, but not necessary, for the applicant to have previous research experience with publications.

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Part-time and full-time undergraduate and graduate students may also apply for the DNS Member Research Award. To qualify, students must be sponsored by an active DNS member.

DNS members applying or mentoring a student must have been a member of DNS for at least two years. No member of DNS Executive Committee or Research Committee is eligible to apply.

The Principal Investigator will be required to submit progress reports to the ADA Foundation with a copy to the DNS Chair six months after the award is granted and a final report no later than 15 months after the date of the award. Any funds not used must be returned to the ADA Foundation by October 1 of the year following the date of the award unless a formal written request for no-cost extension is granted by the Research Committee Chair. The duration of the project should be limited to one year. The Principal Investigator must agree to submit an update or summary of the project within six months to one year of the funding for publication in "Support Line".

Requirements for Submitting Research Proposals:

1. The proposed research project duration must be one for which data collection and analysis can be accomplished within a 12-month period. If the award does not cover all expenses, the investigator must outline how these expenses will be covered.
2. The proposal must be a research project that will not begin until after official notification of the award has been received from the ADAF.
3. The research proposal should include the following components:
Title page; abstract; research questions; background information; methods and equipment; plan for data analysis; references; description of available facilities and resources; biographical sketch/Curriculum vitae of the Principal Investigator and co-investigators; budget; timeline for completing the project; and other pertinent documentation (i.e., letters of support from cooperating institutions or consultants, copy of the informed consent form, copy of the institutional research review committee's approval, copy of questionnaires, etc.).
4. The research proposal should be a maximum of 10-double spaced pages excluding references, appendices, and tables.

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5. Six copies of the proposal should be submitted to the ADAF by April 30. The ADA Foundation can be contacted at:
ADA Foundation
DNS Member Research Award
120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Telephone: 312-899-4821
6. The proposals will be treated as privileged communication. All copies will be destroyed by DNS and will not be returned to the applicant. Feedback from the Research Committee review will be transmitted by the Research Chair to the applicant.
7. The completed proposals must be postmarked by April 1.
8. Award recipients will be notified of selection by June 15.

Award:

Proposals will be funded for up to \$10,000. Partial funding may be awarded. A peer review process will be used to judge the best proposals. A representative from the ADAF Council on Research will be included on the review panel. All properly submitted applications will be reviewed and scored by the members of the Chair of the DNS Research Committee, three other appointed members and a representative from the ADAF Council on Research. The committee will be led by the Chair of the DNS Research Committee.

Proposals will be scored using the following criteria:

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| 1. Relevance to the profession | 20 points |
| 2. Scientific merit (quality and originality of research design) | 40 points |
| 3. Logistical feasibility | 10 points |
| 4. Credentials of the investigators | 20 points |
| 5. Institutional resources | 10 points |

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Restrictions:

1. Budget

- Unspecified expenditures are allowable up to 5% of the funds awarded.
- Funds may not be used for investigator's salary, institutional overhead, tuition or subscriptions.

2. Human Research

- The proposed research must have been reviewed and approved by the institutional research review board established for the protection of human subjects prior to submission for this award.
- The proposed research must insure compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, informed consent and assent, and subject safety.

3. Animal Research

- Grantees' institutions needs must meet standards equivalent to those of the U.S. Public Health Service.
- Documentation of approval by the institution's animal care and use committee should accompany all applications.

4. Change of Employment and/or Address

- In the event that the place of employment or address changes for any of the investigators, this information should be reported to ADA as well as the Chair of DNS Research Committee.

5. Failure to Complete Research

- Should circumstances prevent completion of the approved project, the Principal Investigator should submit a letter requesting an extension with justification or return unused money to the ADAF and report summary of the completed activities to the ADAF and Research Committee Chair.