



National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association

Research Grant Application

The National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association is seeking research applications for new investigator startup grants or post doctoral study focused on research aimed at increasing understanding of Spasmodic Dysphonia, a focal dystonia with that affects speech.

Small seed money grants to new or established investigators for up to \$20,000 (excluding indirect costs) per year will be awarded. These can be for startup grants enabling successful applicants to subsequently seek funding from the National Institutes of Health or may provide partial support for post doctoral research training relating to Spasmodic Dysphonia.

We are interested in hypothesis-driven research related to new approaches aimed at increasing understanding of Spasmodic Dysphonia that focuses on the following areas:

- Endogenous and environmental risk factors for the development of Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Pathophysiology of central nervous system dysfunction in Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Animal models for Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Diagnostic tools for Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Novel approaches to the treatment of Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Controlled studies of treatment outcomes in Spasmodic Dysphonia

Application Process

Please prepare your proposal according to the following recommended outline:

- Section 1: Title Page
 - Section 2: Budget
 - Section 3: Other Grant Support
 - Section 4: Grant/Training Proposal
 - Section 5: Bibliography
 - Section 6: Biographical sketch(es)
 - Section 7: Lay Summary
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Limit applications to no more than 13 pages (16 pages for training grants) including all pages except the Bibliography and Biographical sketches. Corresponding NIH standard forms are acceptable. The preferred type is 12-point type or at minimum, 10-point type. Return one signed original and one electronic copy in PDF format to the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association no later than **January 15, 2009**.

Award Process

The NSDA Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) will review and rank the proposals based on scientific merit, relevancy, and other factors as determined by the SAB.

Recommendations will be made to the NSDA Board of Directors for final award decisions. Applicants will be informed by NSDA for grants to be funded by June 30, 2009. Funds will be disbursed in two equal payments.

Condition of the Award

- Research involving human and/or animals requires appropriate institutional review and approval. Documentation of approval is required at the time of funding. Funding will begin once IRB approval has occurred.
- No funding will be provided for indirect costs and/or institutional overhead.
- The Grantee agrees to provide a recent photograph of him/herself for publication in NSDA materials such as *Our Voice* or the NSDA website.
- The Grantee is required to cite the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association in any published scientific works.
- The Grantee will provide the name of the institution to whom the funding checks are to be made payable to and indicate the mailing address.
- The Grantee is expected to submit an annual report of research progress 12 months after receiving funds.
- Principal investigators may be asked to present his/her results at an NSDA meeting.
- The Grantee must notify the NSDA in writing immediately if he/she changes institutions or discontinues work on the funded research. If the Grantee fails to perform the work in good faith as according to this application, the Grantee Institution agrees to return the unused funds upon request by the NSDA.

Contact Information

Applications and questions should be directed to:

National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association
300 Park Boulevard, Suite 415, Itasca, IL 60143
Phone: 800-795-6732 Fax: 630-250-4505
E-mail: NSDA@dysphonia.org Website: www.dysphonia.org

Contact Information

 Name of Principal Investigator

 Title of Principal Investigator

 Institution

 Address

 City

 State/Province

 Zip/Postal Code

 Country

 Phone

 Fax

 E-mail Address

Project Information

 Title of Proposal

 Proposed Dates of Project

 Total Amount Requested

 To whom the check is made payable to

 Contact Person

 Institution and Mailing Address

 Phone Number

 E-mail Address

Will research involve human subjects? Yes No

If yes, has the Internal Review Board (IRB) approved the research? Yes No

If applicable, has the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approved the research?

Yes No *Date of Approval:* _____

I certify that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and accept the obligation to comply with the term and conditions presented by the NSDA if a grant is awarded as a result of this application.

 Signature of Principal Investigator

 Date

 Signature of Institutional Officer (if required)

 Date

Instructions

Grant applications should be no more than \$20,000. No money will be provided for indirect costs and institutional overhead.

Personnel <i>(Include name, title, and percent of effort)</i>	Amount <i>(US dollars)</i>
Equipment <i>(itemize)</i>	
Supplies <i>(itemize)</i>	
Patient Costs <i>(itemize)</i>	
Other Expenses <i>(itemize)</i>	
TOTAL	

Justification of budget: _____

Title:

Funding Agent:

Inclusive Dates:

Amount:

Project Aims:

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Instructions

Grant Applications should not exceed six pages and include:

- Specific aims
- Background
- Significance and relevance to Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Preliminary data
- Experimental design and methods including power analysis
- Timeline

For Training Applications, please also include the following information which should not exceed three pages:

- Training environment
 - Mentor
 - Training Activities
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Bibliography

Instructions

The NIH Biosketch form may be substituted for this form. Give the following information for the essential personnel, consultants and collaborators. Begin with the Principal Investigator/Program Director. Please do not exceed two pages.

Name of Principal Investigator

Position/Title

Education

Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education and include postdoctoral training.

Institution and Location

Year

Field of Study

Institution and Location	Year	Field of Study

Research and Professional Experience

Concluding with present position, list in chronological order previous employment, experience and honors. Key personnel include the Principal Investigator and any other individuals who participate in the scientific development or execution of the project. Key personnel typically include all individuals with doctoral or other professional degrees. Some projects will also include individuals with masters or baccalaureate degrees; however, those personnel must contribute in a substantive way to the scientific development or execution of the project. List in chronological order, the titles, all authors, and complete references to all peer-reviewed publications during the past three years and earlier publications pertinent to this application. If the list of publications in the last three years exceeds two pages, select the most pertinent publications. 12-point type is preferred, at minimum, use 10-point type.

Instructions

Please prepare a 200-300 word abstract of the research plan in lay language for publication in National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association's newsletter should the application be funded
