



## **Clinical Research Grant Program Process, LOI Instructions, Eligibility Criteria, Timeline**

In 2025, NEDA will follow this process:

All eligible applicants (see below for eligibility criteria) are invited to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) (see below for the structure of the LOI, two pages maximum). Applications are due **August 25** by 5pm ET.

A panel of reviewers will assess the applications between **August 27-September 12, 2025**.

Invitations for those invited to submit full grant applications will go out **September 15, 2025**. When the invitation goes out to the finalists, instructions for the structure of the grant (three pages maximum, plus a detailed budget) will be included in the invitation.

Full grant applications are due back to NEDA on **October 7, 2025** by 5pm ET

Reviews of the full applications will take place between **October 10-24, 2025**.

The NEDA Board will approve the grant slate at the **beginning of December**.

Confirmations will go out to the awardees on **December 15, 2025**.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Investigators who are United States citizens or lawful permanent residents conducting research at institutions within the United States at the time of submission are invited to apply. We encourage applications from eligible individuals from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, social, and clinical sciences. The candidate's research track record and other sources of funding will be considered when selecting awards.

The two grant categories are as follows:

**NEDA Feeding Hope Award:** This award is for up to \$100,000, awarded over a two year period. This award is open to all eating disorders investigators. Innovative projects that advance or expand clinical care and/or early intervention strategies and projects that are not currently receiving other funding are a priority. Of particular interest are projects that involve underserved communities and/or translate to increasing access to care for marginalized populations.

**Early Career Investigator Research Grant:** This grant of up to \$50,000 is awarded to an investigator who is at the Assistant Professor level or below, including, post-doctoral or pre-doctoral researchers. Funding may be awarded over a one or two year period. Of particular interest are projects that involve underserved communities and/or translate to increasing access to care for marginalized populations and/or understudied groups.

Priority will be given to applicants and projects that are likely to support collection of preliminary data in preparation to seek additional funding from other sources.



## **LETTER OF INTENT COMPONENTS**

### **1. Proposal Title**

### **2. Opening Paragraph: Your summary statement.**

### **3. Statement of Need: The "why" of the project (1–2 paragraphs).**

- Explain what issue you are addressing.
- Explain why you have chosen to respond to this set of issues in the way that you have.
- State briefly why this matters in the area in which you will be working.
- Note who benefits. Make sure you can indicate the public good achieved.

### **4. Project Activity: The "what" and "how" of the project.**

- Give an overview of the activities involved. Give details to the degree that space allows.
- Highlight why your approach is novel and deserving of the special attention that funding connotes.
- Indicate if there will be collaboration with other organizations and what their roles will be. Be specific about who does what.

### **5. Outcomes (1–2 paragraphs; before or after the Project Activity)**

- State the specific outcomes you hope to achieve.
- Indicate how evaluation is part of the project. How will you know you've achieved these outcomes?

### **6. Credentials (1–2 paragraphs)**

- Demonstrate why your institution or your staff is best equipped to carry out this activity.

### **7. Budget (1–2 paragraphs)**

- Description of the funding needs of the project and total amount of request. Allowable costs include staff, equipment, supplies, travel, inpatient/outpatient care costs, and other expenses (direct costs). Indirect costs should not exceed 10% of the total budget.

### **8. Closing (1 paragraph)**

### **9. Signature**

### **10. Biosketches (For the PI, each CI, graduate student, consultant, etc.)**

**The LOI submission should be no more than two pages.**