

2025

RESEARCH SEED FUNDING GRANT



\$25,000 grants will be awarded to provide funds to develop exciting investigator-initiated concepts, which will hopefully lead to successful longer term project funding from the NIH or equivalent funding sources. Funding for grant recipients will begin on August 1 of the award year. Research results will be submitted for presentation at future AAPM meetings. The award is not intended to provide salary support for the applicant, however any other research-related expenses, including travel to scientific meetings, will be supported. Travel expenses should be included in the submitted budget. At the end of the 12-month period a report must be forwarded to AAPM, along with itemized expenses. The award will not support indirect costs. Any unspent funds should be returned to AAPM.

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A list of Award Recipients can be found [here](#).

Eligibility:

- Ten years or less since receipt of a terminal research degree or medical physics residency, whichever is later. (Excludes those who have reached Associate Professor level.)

- Eligibility extension is possible and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, following similar NIH guidelines.
- Must be a member of AAPM at the time of application (any membership category). Pending membership status not eligible.
- No previous grants greater than \$50,000 as principle investigator (including institutional startup funding, industrial awards, other external grants).
- Previously funded projects are ineligible.
- Prior Seed Grant recipients are ineligible.

Application Requirements:

Five-page description of research project (including figures and tables), separated as follows:

- a. Specific aims
- b. Background and significance
- c. Preliminary results
- d. Research plan
- e. Literature cited
- f. Budget
- g. Letter of support from division/department chair demonstrating support for the project and authorization of time and resources to complete the proposed research
- h. CV (no more than four pages)

Note that sections (e), (f), (g), and (h) do not count towards the five-page limit.

Review Criteria

Peer review will be conducted by members of the Joint Working Group on Research Seed Funding. The scientific merit of the proposal will be judged based on significance, qualifications of investigator, innovation, soundness of approach, research environment, and potential for future funding.

Deadline to provide three key words and upload a letter of intent of your proposed topic: March 18, 2025

Application Deadline: April 17, 2025

All supporting documents are due by the application deadline.

Award duration:

August 31, 2025 – August 31, 2026

Recipients notified by:

May 30, 2025



FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT:

<https://aapm.me/SEED>