

## **2024 NEC Society/American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA) Pediatric Surgery Research Fellow Award**

The NEC Society's mission is to build a world without necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) by advancing research, education, and advocacy. The NEC Society is excited to announce a \$5,000 Research Award opportunity for pediatric surgery research fellows working to accelerate NEC research.

### **Primary Objectives**

- Advance research related to [NEC Research Priorities](#)
- Increase funding opportunities for NEC research
- Encourage timely dissemination of NEC research
- Attract, advocate for, and support early career NEC researchers within pediatric surgery

**Application Deadline:** May 1, 2024

**Award Announcement:** May 17, 2024\*

\*Award will be presented at the APSA 2024 annual meeting on May 17th

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Pediatric surgery research fellow
- Academic advisor listed in the application is an active member of APSA
- Both applicant and advisor are members of the NEC Society Research Incubator. Join [here](#).
- Applicant is registered to attend APSA May 16-19, 2024 to accept the award

### **Project Requirements**

1. Research must align with one or more of the [NEC Research Priorities](#)
2. Awardee will share at least one photo and project update for the NEC Society to feature on NECsociety.org and virtual platforms
3. Awardee or academic advisor will contact their institution's PR/communications team to inform them about the award and ask their institution to feature their NEC research
4. Awardee agrees to present/be featured at a virtual NEC Society Research Roundtable
5. Awardee agrees to register for, participate in, and submit an abstract focused on their research at the NEC Symposium in Chicago, September 7 - 10, 2025

### **Submit application here:**

[NEC Society APSA Pediatric Surgery Research Fellow Award Application](#)

### **Project Description**

The project description should be no more than 3 pages (excluding the Reference page), and submitted as a PDF included in the Google Form. Please include the following headings in your project description (template provided [here](#)):

**Introductory Statement** *What motivates you to research NEC?*

**Research Question****Aims****Methods****Analytic Plan****Expected Impact****Timeline****Estimated Budget****References** (not included in the 3-page limit)**Scoring**

A review committee established by the NEC Society and APSA will consider each application using the scoring rubric below. After the award winner is announced, the NEC Society will set up an introductory virtual meeting with the awardee. Award funds will be paid to the awardee's institution and directed entirely to the awardee's research; indirect funds are not permitted. Awardees will provide written project updates at regular intervals to be determined, depending on the scope of the project.

The following scale will be used (highest score = 30):

Not At All = 0 points; Very Little = 1 point; Somewhat = 2 points; Most Definitely = 3 points

**1. Significance**

- Does it advance one or more of the [NEC Research Priorities](#)?
- Does the project fill a current research gap?
- Has the applicant or the applicant's advisor demonstrated a commitment to the field of NEC research?
- Has the applicant shown initiative towards engagement with the NEC Society?

**2. Feasibility**

- Does the project appear to be feasible and achievable?
- Is there potential for future research?

**3. Approach**

- Is the proposal clear and well-written?
- Is there a clearly written hypothesis?
- Does the Preliminary Data support the research aims?
- Are the proposed Aims likely to push the field forward?