

## 2024 NEC Society Early Career Faculty Research 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 early career faculty physician-scientists whose primary research aligns with the [NEC Research Priorities](#).

### Primary Objectives

- To advance the NEC Research Priorities
- To increase future funding opportunities for NEC research
- To encourage timely dissemination of NEC research

**Application Deadline:** April 8, 2024

**Award Announcement:** May 5, 2024\*

\*Award will be presented at PAS during the NEC Networking Breakout on Sunday, May 5th at 10 AM ET

### Eligibility Criteria

- Early career physician-scientists within 5 years of fellowship completion
- Member of the NEC Society Research Incubator. Join [here](#).
- Reference from someone in the NEC research field
- Registered to attend PAS and the NEC Networking session on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

### 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 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 register for, participate in, and submit an abstract focused on their research at the NEC Symposium in Chicago, September 7 - 10, 2025 OR present at a virtual NEC Society Research Roundtable.

### Submit application here:

[NEC Society Research Award - Early Career Faculty Application](#)

### Project Description

The project description should be no more than 3 pages (not including references), 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** (*no indirect costs*)**References****Scoring**

The NEC Society's staff and Scientific Advisory Council will review 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 winner. Award funds will be paid to the awardee's institution (no indirect funding). 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 = 24):

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

**1. Significance**

- Does it relate to one or more of the [NEC Research Priorities](#)?
- Does the project fill a current research gap?
- Is there an established commitment to the field of NEC research?
- Has the applicant shown initiative towards engagement and long-term commitment to the NEC Society?

**2. Feasibility**

- Does the project appear to be feasible and achievable?
- Has the applicant demonstrated they have or will collaborate with others in our field?

**3. Approach**

- Is the proposal clear and well-written?
- Is the evidence provided adequate and directly related to the project?

