

New York Society of Addiction Medicine (NYSAM) Student/Resident/Fellow Research Grant Opportunity

Purpose: To support trainees to complete a research project over a 12-month period. Up to two awards of \$5000 will be granted. Grantees will present research findings at the NYSAM 2025 annual meeting.

Appropriate uses for grant funds:

- Participant compensation
- Statistical consultation
- Publication fees
- Scientific conferences

Deadline for applications: Friday, January 19th, 2024 at 5 pm (awardees will be announced at the NYSAM annual meeting on February 2nd, 2024)

Applicants: This competition is open to students or trainees in New York state in a clinical field who plan to practice addiction medicine (medical students, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, residents, and fellows). Applicants must have a mentor to assist with Institutional Review Board (IRB) application at your institution.

Priority Areas:

- Evaluation of novel substance use disorder interventions, such as hospital-based addiction consult services, integration of harm reduction services into medical settings, etc.
- Qualitative research regarding patients' experiences with substance use disorder treatment
- Educational interventions focusing on addiction medicine
- Descriptive studies of new patterns in substance use, including novel substances (e.g., xylazine) or use of multiple substances concomitantly
- Epidemiologic or clinical studies of substance use disorders that might focus on issues such as disease prevalence in underserved populations, severity measures, or health disparities
- Economic studies that elucidate the costs of substance use disorders to society or benefits that derive from specific treatments

Evaluation Criteria:

Originality

Significance (i.e., what is the likelihood that this project will improve the lives and/or health care of people with substance use disorders)

Methodological rigor

Feasibility (i.e., what is the likelihood that the project will be completed in 12 months)

Candidate's commitment to the field of addiction medicine

Sections of the proposal (Maximum of 3 pages):

1. Specific Aims - This section should give background regarding the gap in the literature to be addressed and state the objectives/aims of proposed research. One half page is recommended.
2. Significance - A brief summary of background information, prior relevant research, and the potential impact of the current proposal. This should address how the proposed project can improve the lives and/ or health care of persons with substance use disorders. One half to one page is recommended.
3. Methods - Describe the research design and the methods to be used to accomplish the specific aims. One page is recommended. This should address the following general elements:
 - An overview of the research design (2-3 sentences summarizing the type of study, subjects, duration, and outcomes)
 - Participants (Selection criteria for participants, how participants will be sampled and recruited)
 - Describe data collection – Describe the key measures and whether validated instruments will be used for measurement. If an intervention is to be used, describe the intervention. Consider whether confounding variables should be considered. Address any plans for quality control of data and data management.
 - Analysis and statistical plan - include a discussion of sample size issues if appropriate, and a description of key outcomes that will be analyzed and the statistical methods that will be used.
4. Timetable - When will IRB application, data collection, and analyses occur? (Please consult with a mentor regarding a realistic timeline)
5. Human subjects - Describe any ethical issues related to participants in the project and whether the study requires review from an IRB.

Other documents (no page limits):

6. Title Page - please list a title, mentor's name and affiliation, any co-investigators, and applicant's full name and contact information
7. Budget and Justification
8. Current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae
9. Letter of support from a mentor (one page recommended) – should briefly describe mentor's research experience, commitment to the project, and acknowledgement of the timetable and plan for IRB review (if necessary)

Submissions and additional information: Please e-mail all documents in a single pdf file to Aaron Fox, MD MS (adfox@montefiore.org). Any questions can also be submitted via e-mail.