

2026 Terms and Conditions

Early Career Catalyst Grants for Translational Neuro-Oncology Research

Funded by Beat Brain Cancer, the Foundation of the Society for Neuro-Oncology

Purpose

Funded by Beat Brain Cancer, the Foundation of the Society for Neuro-Oncology, the **Early Career Catalyst Grants for Translational Neuro-Oncology Research** are designed to support promising early-career investigators within seven years of completing fellowship who are conducting innovative translational research in neuro-oncology.

These grants aim to accelerate the movement of scientific discoveries from the laboratory into clinical application by funding projects with clear potential to impact patient care, therapeutic development, or clinical trial advancement.

In line with Beat Brain Cancer's commitment to improving outcomes throughout the lifespan, two \$60,000 awards will be granted:

- One award supporting translational research focused on **adult brain tumors**
- One award supporting translational research focused on **pediatric/AYA brain tumors**

In addition to the monetary award, the recipient will be featured on a SNO podcast and an abstract submission relating to the research and will receive "fast track" consideration for oral presentation during the SNO Annual Meeting.

Through this award, Beat Brain Cancer seeks to foster the next generation of translational leaders committed to improving outcomes for patients with brain tumors.

Scope of Research

Proposed projects must demonstrate a clear and feasible translational pathway, bridging laboratory discovery and clinical application

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be within seven years of completion of clinical fellowship or postdoctoral training at the time of application.
- Hold an academic appointment at the level of Instructor, Assistant Professor, or equivalent.

- Be affiliated with an accredited academic institution or research center.
- Demonstrate a clear focus on translational neuro-oncology research.
- Be a member in good standing of the Society for Neuro-Oncology at the time of application and throughout the award period.
- Not be a current recipient of a major independent federal grant (e.g., R01 or equivalent) as Principal Investigator.

Award Amount and Duration

Two awards will be granted for 1 year:

1. Adult Translational Research Award for \$60,000, non-renewable
2. Pediatric/AYA Translational Research Award for \$60,00, non-renewable

Funds may not be used for:

- Salary support beyond institutional caps
- Travel unrelated to the dissemination of funded research

Application

- Research proposal (not to exceed **four pages**)
Recommended structure for research proposal:
 - Specific Aims
 - Background and significance
 - Preliminary Data
 - Research Design and Methods
 - Translation Integration
 - [NIH Format](#) (11-point, single space, Arial, .5-inch margins)
- Patient Impact Statement (not to exceed one page) to include:
 - How the proposed research may improve diagnosis, treatment, or outcomes for patients with brain tumors
 - The potential short-term and long-term clinical implications
 - How the project advances progress toward more effective therapies or a cure
- Budget Justification (should not exceed one page)
 - Up to 10% of the total award budget may be allocated toward indirect costs associated with institutional administration and research infrastructure support.
- Biosketch using [NIH's template](#)
- Letter of institutional support (should not exceed one page)

Please note: The Patient Impact Statement should be written in language understandable to a broad audience and may be used by the Society for Neuro-Oncology and Beat Brain Cancer for communications, donor reporting, marketing materials, and public-facing platforms.

Administration

The Society for Neuro-Oncology (SNO) will administer the grants, including the submission and review process and the distribution of funds to the selected awardee.

Reporting Requirements

- At the beginning of the award period, participate in a featured episode or interview on SNO's Neuro-Oncology: The Podcast.
- Submit an interim scientific progress report at 12 months (if applicable).
- Provide an updated Patient Impact Summary suitable for public dissemination.
- Present findings via oral presentation at a SNO Annual Meeting (upon approval of the SNO Scientific Meeting Chairs).
- Acknowledge Beat Brain Cancer and the Society for Neuro-Oncology in all publications and presentations resulting from the funded work.

Timing Cycle

May 25, 2026	Call for Applications
August 24, 2026	Application Deadline
August 31-October 5, 2026	Grant Review Process
October 17, 2026	Grant Recipients Identified
SNO 2027	Oral Presentation at SNO Annual

Disbursement of Funds

Grant funds will be disbursed to the selected awardee(s) in accordance with the approved budget and upon completion of any necessary administrative requirements.

Ethical Standards

The fellowship recipients must conduct their research in accordance with the highest ethical standards and adhere to all relevant institutional guidelines and regulations.

Compliance

Applicants and awardees are responsible for complying with all terms and conditions outlined in this agreement.

Modification or Termination

SNO reserves the right to modify or terminate the fellowship program at any time, with or without cause.

By submitting an application for the Beat Brain Cancer Early Career Translational Research Grant, applicants acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to abide by these terms and conditions.

The **Society for Neuro-Oncology** exists to advance multi-disciplinary brain tumor research, education, and collaboration to drive discovery and improve patient care. **Beat Brain Cancer**, the foundation of SNO, is dedicated to supporting the fight against brain cancer by advancing research, driving discovery for neuro-oncology professionals, and providing essential resources and hope to patients and their families.