



National Institute of
Neurological Disorders
and Stroke

Child Neurology Career Development Program CNCDP-K12

LOI Deadline

JUNE 18, 2026

Full Application

Deadline

(by invitation only)

August 10, 2026

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Announcement

The CNCDP Leadership is pleased to announce its call for Letters of Intent (LOI) for the funding cycle starting July 1, 2027. To apply, the required first step is to complete and submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) by May 29, 2025 to cncdp-k12@kennedykrieger.org

Invited applicants will be asked to submit their full application by August 10, 2026. Interviews and application review meetings will occur at the CNCDP Annual Retreat November 6-8, 2026 at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, MD. Funding for selected scholars will begin July 1, 2027.

Award Information

The K12 Career Development Award is intended for pediatric neurologists (or graduates of neurodevelopmental disabilities training) who seek a 3-year period of intensive, clinically relevant basic and/or patient-oriented research to prepare them for a K08, K23, or other career development award application. Selected scholars will proceed with their career development and research plan at their home institution with a local mentor and mentoring team.

The award provides salary up to \$115,000/year for a minimum of 75% research and career development effort per year plus fringe benefits. It also provides \$38,000/year for research related expenses, including travel. The award includes up to 3 years of support. Indirect Costs for this award are reimbursed at 8% of modified total direct costs.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be US citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents.
- Applicants should be no more than 3 years from completion of clinical training at the start of the award, July 1, 2027.
- Applicants must have a faculty appointment as Instructor or Assistant Professor at a U.S. academic institution with a research mission by July 1, 2027.

Instructions for the Submission of LOI

Letters of Intent should follow NIH style guidelines (e.g. size 11 font, >0.5" margins) and include the following:

- Page 1: Statement of Intent (title of proposal, date of completion of clinical training, name of institution and mentor(s) for the CNCDP project, brief career development plan)
- Page 2: preliminary specific aims for proposed project
- Page 3 (for resubmissions only): a description of how the application has been modified in response to previous critiques. Note that resubmissions will not be considered for full applications unless they have been appropriately modified
- NIH format Biosketches from candidate and primary mentor
- Proof of US Citizenship/Lawful Permanent Residency (copy Passport/Green Card)