



## **Neil S. Hirsch Neurotherapeutic TMS Research Grant Application Cover Sheet**

### **Applicant Information (Please complete all information below)**

**Principal Investigator (Full name):**

**Position Title:**

**Institution/Healthcare Practice:**

**For M.D. applicants, year residency was completed:**

**For Ph.D. Applicants, year degree was awarded:**

**Mentor (Please list full name):**

**Number of peer-reviewed publications (total/first authored, last authored):**

#### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Foundation for the Advancement of Clinical TMS (FACTMS) is to raise awareness of TMS as a treatment option, provide education about TMS therapy, and expand access worldwide.

**Please provide a 250-statement on how your proposal best fits the FACTMS mission.**



## Neil S. Hirsch Neurotherapeutic TMS Research Grant Application Guidelines

Application Deadline: **March 31, 2026**

The **Foundation for the Advancement of Clinical TMS (FACTMS)** is the non-profit sister organization of the Clinical Society of Clinical TMS Society. The mission of FACTMS is to raise awareness of TMS as a treatment option, provide education about TMS therapy, and expand TMS treatment access worldwide. The **Neil S. Hirsch Neurotherapeutic TMS Research Grant (NSHNTRG)** offers **up to \$100,000 total for up to two (2) years**, to fund investigations of promising pilot research in the field of neurological applications of transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS).

The program is intended to facilitate innovative research opportunities, supporting translational and/or clinical investigators using TMS in neurology. All research must be relevant to the understanding, treatment and prevention of serious neurologic disorders such as: Parkinson's disease, epilepsy, stroke recovery, dementia, and neuropathic pain. Please note that purely psychiatric applications of TMS are not eligible for this grant.

The **NSHNTRG** can be used to support the full range of relevant neurobiological and clinical science, which can include careful studies using qualitative research approaches, or research generating preliminary data to explore a new hypothesis generated by clinical experience or large sample studies. This grant can also be used for pilot studies for new therapeutic interventions.

The **NSH Neurotherapeutic TMS Research Grant** is not intended to support extensive large sample patient-based studies, but it may be possible to attach to a study or clinical project already underway or one which is already partially funded. Some study characteristics may include:

1. Novel uses of TMS in neurological applications.
2. Hypothesis or data-driven studies.
3. Deliverables can be obtained to present or publish within 2 years.
4. Open to virtually any use of TMS in neurological applications.
5. Can be a pilot study leading to a larger future grant.

These examples do not define the Foundation's specific goals but instead, illustrate the feasibility of clinical research in the context of the **NSHNTRG** Program. The Foundation is committed to spending all contributions for direct support of research. Administrative cost of review is small since reviewers are members of the Foundation's Grant Award Committee, and volunteer their time to evaluate applications. Therefore, **no feedback will be provided to applicants regarding the application(s).**

### **GRANT REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **NSHNTRG** welcomes diversity with applications including gender, race, ethnicity, culture of the applicant, and geographic location for their proposed work.
2. Applicants must have a doctoral degree. Post-docs and faculty may apply.
3. Only one principal investigator is allowed per application.
4. Funding is for two years and range from \$75,000-\$100,000 total. **The Foundation does not pay institutional overhead on this Grant Program.**
5. The Foundation allows considerable flexibility in the use of funds. Funding payroll, equipment, stipends, etc., is acceptable as long as they support the service of the research project.
6. Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2026, **no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.**
7. Grant approval notifications should be mailed in April 2026. **It is the Foundation's policy to provide no feedback on applications, except funding notification.** The earliest grant funding date is July 1, 2026.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Email applications to: **info@factms.org as a single PDF document, beginning with the cover sheet found below.**
  - Each section must start on a separate page. The order of the application must be followed, and must not exceed the maximum number of pages for each item as indicated below.
  - Label each section and include applicant's name in upper right corner of each page.
  - Follow NIH format guidelines: use Arial font size 11 or larger with minimum of ½ inch margins.
  - Required documents are listed below:
1. **Abstract (maximum 500 words)** – a summary of the research project written in lay terms. If the proposal is funded, this material may be used in the Foundation's announcements.
  2. **Applicant– NIH biosketch** OR the biography portion of the curriculum vitae only, with current grant support listed.
  3. **Proposal (maximum 3 pages with no appendices)** – a letter from the applicant outlining project goals to be accomplished within the grant period. The project should be described in sufficient detail to elucidate hypothesis, significance, sample size, feasibility, and central methodology. Figures, tables, diagrams, etc., must be included within the 3-page limit.
  4. **Budget (maximum 1 page/itemized table format in US \$)** – a budget describing and justifying each item requested, and indicating whether applicant is applying for a one- or two-year grant. Requests must not exceed \$50,000 per year. The budget statement should define the Grant's unique contribution to the applicant research activities and note whether

and how it would impact other institutional support which is available to the applicant.

**Specific assurance that receipt of this grant will not result in duplication of funding or reduction of support from the host institution is required.** *The Foundation does not pay institutional overhead on the Neil S. Hirsch Neurotherapeutic TMS Research Grant.* All applicant research funding must be listed, including support details which are still pending.

5. **References (maximum 1 page, optional)** – a listing of up to twenty bibliographical references may be included.
6. **Collaborator Letter (maximum 1 page, optional)** – letter of commitment from essential project collaborators (not letters of reference), addressed to the applicant, briefly explaining the collaborator's specific contribution and confirming a willingness to collaborate.
7. **Collaborator NIH biosketch** OR the biography portion of the curriculum vitae only, with current grant support listed.
8. **Institutional or Health Care Practice Assurance Letter (maximum 1 page)** – must include the **authorized signature of the Applicant's institution (i.e., Grants & Contracts/Sponsored Research Office or clinical practice administrator)**, thereby signifying the institution's acceptance and acknowledgment of these grant guidelines.

#### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Written institutional acceptance of the Foundation's Grant Agreement is required before the Grant is awarded or announced.
- IRB approval for human subjects must be verified by the time of funding the Grant (do not include IRB information or approvals with the application).
- Funds will be granted to universities, institutions or medical practices or centers. All international applicants are welcome to apply. Researchers need not be U.S. citizens, however if operating under a Visa, the Visa must not expire for a minimum of 6 months following the end of the grant period.
- In fairness to all applicants, extra or supplemental material (i.e., appendices) will **NOT** be considered in the review process.
- NOTE: Applications not exactly following the guidelines will be administratively rejected.

For inquiries, please email: [info@factms.org](mailto:info@factms.org)