

## Announcement of New NEOMED Internal Grant Funding Program

NEOMED intends to support research of its faculty and students by means of three new internal granting programs. Reviews of these proposals will be by a subcommittee of the University Research Council (URC).

***Proposals are due 5 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 14 to Nona Hose ([nhose@neomed.edu](mailto:nhose@neomed.edu))  
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### **1. Grants in support of student research**

These grants support the collaboration of registered NEOMED students and a NEOMED faculty member, who will develop the proposal collaboratively. Funding is for research expenses, including travel related to research, but not for presenting findings at conferences or student stipends.

- Funding levels will be between \$2,000 and \$10,000.
- Proposals will be co-submitted by student and faculty advisor, and will be managed by the advisor.
- Since these are funded through the operating budget of the university, funds and projects need to be completed by July 1, 2026.
- Required outcomes include: (1) presentation at 2026 Student Research Symposium and (2) reporting of results and documentation of funds spent (1000 words) to URC within 3 months of end of project.

The application will consist of:

1. Title page, listing: name(s) of student(s), name of faculty advisor, title of project, funds requested
2. 4,000 character (including spaces) project description
3. Itemized budget and justification (2000 characters, including spaces)
4. Letter of support from faculty advisor
5. Resume of student(s) preferred in NIH biosketch format

## 2. Grants in support of Research Equipment

These grants fund the purchase of equipment that supports research activities in any of the University's operations and involves at least three NEOMED research labs.

- Funding levels up to \$40,000 will be considered, but these can only cover equipment, not supplies, stipends, or salaries.
- Proposals must be requested by three faculty/staff members and list which research labs will use the new equipment. One PI will lead the submission, but letters of support from two co-PIs are required and additional support letters can be added.

The lead investigator (PI) will:

- Report with user data on equipment three months from purchase
- Present results collected using this equipment (by any investigator) at a national meeting within one year of purchase.

The application will consist of:

1. Title page, listing: Name of Lead and co-PIs, name of project, amount requested, brief 150-word abstract
2. 4000 character (including spaces) description of equipment and intended use in all three labs involved, expected outcomes including publications and grant proposals for which this equipment will be used; budget page with explicit description of equipment and price. An official quote from company is preferred.
3. NIH- style biosketch for all 3 PI's.

### 3. Grants in Support of New and Developing Research Projects

These grants support any research projects from NEOMED faculty members, except members of the Neurodegenerative Diseases RFA, Hearing Research Group, Maternal-Infant Health Research Group, CTRI, or faculty with current start-up funding. These awards are intended to support the gathering of preliminary data for developing major grant proposals.

- To support obtaining preliminary data to develop at major grant proposal
- Awarded across all colleges at NEOMED.
- Cannot be used for travel or PI stipends.
- \$20,000-50,000, to be awarded in two equal amounts, with the second allotment contingent on meeting explicit benchmarks.
- Proposals can fund equipment, supplies, salary funding for technicians or trainees, but not travel or student stipends.
- Since these are funded through the operating budget of the university, funds will need to be spent by July 1, 2026.
- Need to include one or more students/trainees in the research project.

The PI will be expected to:

- Provide a report upon completion of the first benchmark, upon which release of additional funds is contingent.
- Provide a final report before July 1, 2026.
- Submit a major (>\$100,000/yr, multi-year) proposal based on the preliminary results with 18 months of the award.

The application will consist of:

1. Title page listing: Name of Lead, co-PIs and trainees(s) involved in the project, name of project, amount requested, 150-word abstract
2. Outline of project (4000 characters, including spaces) including:
  - a. Specific activities
  - b. Expected outcomes/results
3. Description of how this proposal relates to the proposed major submission, and how data collected with this award will make that submission possible (4000 characters, including spaces)
4. Itemized budget and justification (4000 characters, including spaces), with timing and benchmarks tied to the release of second funding allotment.
5. NIH- style biosketch for lead PI and co-PIs.