

# STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE – ISPN RESEARCH GRANTS

**Title:** ISPN research grant opportunities

**Number:** 18

**Date:** October 2025 - *Last review: October 2025*

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**Statement of purpose:**

Funding to stimulate and fund scientific and clinical research within the field of Pediatric Neurosurgery.

**Related issues:**

This will require close governance and feedback and allocation amount will not be fixed.

**Context / Committee:**

ISPN Ad-hoc research committee, ISPN Executive Board, ISPN Treasurer

**Details:**

***Committee composition***

The ISPN research committee will be in charge of the ISPN research funding process, selection process, and monitor its activity. ISPN Treasurer will be an integral part of the financial aspects.

***Functioning***

- Proposals will be collected once yearly: submitted until 31 December
- Decisions up to end of February the following year
- Distribution of allocated grant until end of March yearly
- Detailed report by principal investigator (PI) to be provided before end of December (including science & finance)
- Allocation of up to 3 grants of 10,000-15,000 US \$ yearly. Second year continuation of grants is possible depending on proposals load and priority

The ISPN research chair will conduct a structured inner review of submitted grant proposals within the committee. The committee will have their scores open for EB and president inputs.

The receiving PI will sign a commitment MOU with the ISPN:

Good conduct, adherence to plan, commitment to report and inform the EB a status report as and when demanded by the Executive Board.

***Eligibility for research grants***

ISPN **active** membership

***Type of research & funding eligible***

1. Collaborative studies
  - a. All ISPN members are welcome to contribute cases.
  - b. Studies on rare conditions, retrospective
  - c. Up to 2 years on website
  - d. **Grant of 1,000 USD / project**
  - e. No limitation on number of projects published on website
2. Surveys
  - a. Up to 2 projects (+ 1 by EB members) published in parallel on the ISPN website
  - b. Projects are published for 6 months
  - c. **No funding**
  - d. No limitation on number of projects published on website
3. Registries
  - a. **Grant of 1,000 USD / year**
4. Stand-a-lone research projects
  - a. Up to 3 projects per year
  - b. **Grant – up to 15,000 USD (according to proposal budget plan)**
  - c. Scientific merit and the definition of **achievable** goals will prevail. Advantage to:
    - i. Prospective
    - ii. Basic science
    - iii. PI <40yo
    - iv. LMIC
    - v. Proof of additional financial resources

**Availability:**

ISPN website accessible to all members.

**Review period:**

Every two years.