

THE ACADEMY OF SPINAL CORD INJURY PROFESSIONALS

CRAIG H. NEILSEN FOUNDATION CREATIVITY AWARD HONORING DAVID GATER, M.D., PhD

The Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (ASCIP) is excited to announce the call for applications for the Craig H. Nielsen Foundation Creativity Award Honoring David Gater, M.D., PhD. This award is intended to encourage professionals from our diverse membership who are new to research or program design to broaden their professional experience and contribute to the field of spinal cord injury in new ways. Applicants are eligible for a \$30,000 award.

Each Applicant must:

1. Have a certified degree in a health profession field.
2. Be a member of ASCIP
3. Research applicants should not have any external funding
4. Submit a one-year Clinical Research Proposal or Clinical Programming Proposal.
 - a. Clinical Research Proposal- rationale should be supported by a recent review of literature
 - b. Clinical Programming Proposal- rationale should demonstrate a need for such programming, plans to sustain the programming and number of individuals with SCI/D that will be served.
5. Provide an Applicant Statement about the interest in research or the clinical program and how this grant will help the applicant's goals.
6. Clinical Research Applicants must identify a mentor who is an established researcher in the field of SCI or related area and is a member of ASCIP in good standing at the application deadline. The following individuals are excluded from serving as mentors: ASCIP President, ASCIP President Elect, ASCIP Past President, ASCIP research committee and the ASCIP Awards Committee Chair.
7. Clinical Programming Applicants must obtain a signed letter of support from a supervisor or someone in leadership at their facility.
8. Complete the Application Form (<https://www.academyscipro.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Creativity-Award-Application-08.221.25-8ae416c119dd53f791fe0fbb05881ac61.pdf>)
9. Submit Bio sketch (condensed CV 3 pages or less) for applicant (Research and Programming Proposal and mentor (Research Proposal)
10. Submit Letters of Support from mentor (research), supervisor (programming) and facility representative.

The applicants may not hold other funding for the proposed project.

The awardee will be selected by the ASCIP Awards Committee and will receive the Craig H. Nielsen Foundation Creativity Award Honoring David Gater, M.D., PhD at the ASCIP Annual Meeting. Recipient may be asked to present their project at a subsequent ASCIP meeting. Contact Amy Cheatham (acheatham@lutenemangement.com), the ASCIP Associate Executive Director, with questions about this funding opportunity.