



## American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

A Member Board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

### Information for 2026 Applicants (for grant awards 2027-2028)

#### Dorthea Juul, PhD, Education Research Award

##### Objective

The ABPN Dorthea Juul, PhD, Education Research Award supports research projects related to the mission of the ABPN, serve the public and the profession by promoting lifelong learning, and certifying psychiatrists and neurologists to high standards of expertise. While any projects relevant to the mission of the ABPN will be considered for the Education Research Award, the ABPN is particularly interested in research focused on any of the following areas:

- Development, testing, or implementation of competency-based medical education (CBME) and related foci, such as the assessment of defined competencies in training; projects that include scalable solutions, address equity in assessment practices, or contribute to a national infrastructure for CBME implementation are especially encouraged
- Impact or value of initial or continuing certification
- Outcomes of innovative educational activities or programs in training programs or in lifelong learning settings
- Validity and reliability of state-of-the-art assessments to evaluate candidate and diplomate competencies, including approaches to ensure fairness and mitigate bias
- Patient and public perceptions of board certification
- Psychiatry and neurology workforce trends
- Use of artificial intelligence (AI) in any of the above areas
- Projects related to any of the above areas that also incorporate attention to health disparities, inequities in healthcare delivery, or inclusion of diverse perspectives in the physician workforce

Proposals should include the potential measurable outcomes of the project and the type of data (qualitative, quantitative, or both) that will be collected, and describe briefly what is already known about this topic, and what the proposal adds to what is already known. The projects typically involve a pre-/post-test or control group comparison or other objective measurement of impact or outcome. The strategies and instruments that will be used to collect the data, the study participants/subjects, and the methods of data analysis that will be performed should be described. The methods must test the hypothesis or answer the research questions and address the purpose of the project.

It is expected that projects will not focus on the development of commercial products.

## Funding

Each year, up to two psychiatry and two neurology awards will be made with a maximum amount of funding of \$100,000 per award. This amount is intended to cover salary, fringe benefits, and other costs. No indirect costs will be covered. The projects may take up to two years to be completed. The award funds are generally not transferable if the Principal Investigator (PI) moves or is otherwise unable to carry out the work, in which case any unspent funds must be returned to the ABPN, unless the ABPN specifically approves a request to change the PI or institution.

In addition, each funded project is eligible for a one-time award presentation fund of up to \$2,000, available to the PI only, to support dissemination of project findings at a professional meeting. The presentation must occur within three years following the completion of the funded project. All expenses must comply with ABPN's reimbursement policy.

No-cost extensions of up to 12 months may be requested to allow additional time to complete the approved scope of work without additional funding. Requests must be submitted in writing at least 60 days prior to the award end date and must include justification, a revised timeline, and confirmation that project aims remain unchanged. Approval is not guaranteed and is subject to ABPN consideration. Only one no-cost extension will normally be permitted per award.

## Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Hold a full-time faculty appointment in a Psychiatry or Neurology department (or its equivalent) at a U.S. LCME-accredited medical school, or, if not currently in a full-time faculty position, submit with their application a chair-approved offer letter confirming a start date before January 1, 2027, aligning with the award's inception
- Comply with the ABPN's conflict of interest policies and procedures

If the applicant is an M.D. or D.O., they must:

- Be certified by the ABPN
- Participate in the ABPN's continuing certification (maintenance of certification) program
- Hold an unrestricted license to practice medicine in a state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States

## Application

Applicants must submit a completed Application Form and any related documentation by **July 27, 2026, at 11:59 pm Central time.**

Email applications to David Shin, PhD, at [dshin@abpn.org](mailto:dshin@abpn.org)

## **Selection**

Awardees will be selected through a peer-review process managed by the ABPN's Dorteia Juul, PhD, Education Research Award Committee that includes ABPN directors and neurologists and psychiatrists nominated by other organizations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received awards.

**Awards will be announced by December 1, 2026, with funding to start on January 1, 2027.**

## **Requirements**

Recipients will be required to:

- Present progress virtually to the awards committee and directors in January at the beginning of Year 2
- Present final results in person at the ABPN Fall Policy Meeting in Year 2
- Provide a final report to the ABPN by April 30, 2029
- Recognize the ABPN in any presentations, publications, or products related to the project

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