

NEACSM New Investigator Award

The New England Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine is proud to announce that applications for the NEACSM New Investigator Award are now being accepted. NEACSM invests in the future of sports medicine and exercise science by offering a defined research underwriting opportunity to our professional members. Professional members who meet the criteria listed below are eligible to apply for this award.

- Deadline: August 3, 2026
- Amount: \$5,000.00
- Number of Awards Granted: 1

PURPOSE:

A junior scientist in the fields of sports medicine and/or exercise physiology will be recognized and receive support for potential scientific excellence.

AWARD:

One (1) Award in the amount of \$5,000 USD will be offered.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicants must hold an appointment as a non-tenured assistant professor in a tenure-track position, non-tenure-track faculty position with a research expectation, or be a physician or medical researcher at an institution in the New England region.
2. Terminal degree must have been awarded or residency/fellowship must have been completed within the previous four years. Extenuating circumstances (e.g., medical illness/leave, parental leave, military leave, non-traditional career path, etc.) impacting the four-year timeline will be considered pending review.
3. Applicants must be NEACSM members.
4. Applications must be received at the NEACSM office electronically before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (close of business), August 3, 2026.
5. Applications must be directed to neacsm1@gmail.com. Please type 2026 NEACSM New Investigator Award in the email subject line.
6. Announcement of the award recipient will be made by October 2, 2026.
7. NEACSM will distribute the award check to the award recipient at the NEACSM 2026 Annual Meeting on November 5, 2026.

CRITERIA:

- The research is related to sports medicine or exercise physiology.
- The research is innovative and either has a high impact for the area of research, or has a potential future high impact (e.g., development of new methodologies that will generate new knowledge).
- The background and relevance of the proposed work is clearly described.
- The methodology is sound and the data can be quantitative or qualitative.
- The study will have enough power and use appropriate statistical tests to underpin any claims on significance.
- Interested candidates will provide a **CV and a proposal (including criteria listed above) detailing how their research will help impact their respective field.**

The proposal should include the following:

1. Cover letter (one page) to include:
 - Project title and contact information: Preferred Mailing Address, Phone, Preferred Phone (if different), and Preferred Email Address.
 - a. Narrative statement of how this project is innovative and either has a high impact for the area of research, or has a potential future high impact (e.g., development of new methodologies that will generate new knowledge). (300-word limit)
2. Research Plan: up to six pages (**please use 1" margins and at least 10-point font**), (Tables/Graphics may be included) to include:
 - a. Specific Aims and Research Hypotheses (not to exceed ½ page)
 - b. Background (Literature review) and Significance (not to exceed 2 pages)
 - c. Study Design (not to exceed ½ page)
 - d. Study Site and Subjects (one paragraph)
Protocol (Study Measures, Instruments, Data Collection and Analysis, Timetable; not to exceed 2 pages)
 - e. References (not included in 6-page limit)
3. Budget (one page) to include:
 - a. Equipment, Supplies
 - b. Other funds that may be supporting this project.
4. Extenuating Circumstances
 - a. If an applicant is applying beyond the 4-year terminal degree window, please include a brief statement that outlines the extenuating circumstances for the committee to consider.

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5. Signed Statement:

I certify that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to accept full responsibility for the scientific conduct of the project, to comply with all University or College terms and conditions, including approval by the *Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB)* or *Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUC)* to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state mandates. In addition, I agree to present the results of my research at the fall NEACSM conference within two years of receiving the award (method to be determined/discussed with the organizing programming committee). I agree to acknowledge the “NEACSM New Investigator Award” in any publication or presentation of the results or findings from this New Investigator Award.

Principal Investigator Signature: _____