



AAMC Northeast Group on Educational Affairs (NEGEA)

MESRE Grants

2025 Call for Proposals

Submissions Due:	August 15, 2025
Decision Notification:	December 15, 2025
Earliest Project Start Date:	January 1, 2026

Rationale and Purpose

In its strong support and encouragement of scholarship in medical education, the Northeast Group on Educational Affairs (NEGEA) provides funding to initiate new Medical Education Scholarship Research and Evaluation (MESRE) projects. The NEGEA seeks to stimulate the development of a community of educational scholars and thus is especially interested in projects promoting collaboration across institutions or across sections (UME, GME, CPD).

Grant Details

Multiple research grants will be funded for up to a **two-year period** in either of the two categories. The number of grants funded will depend upon the NEGEA budget and proposal quality, and typically ranges from 2- 4 grants per year.

1. Projects involving one NEGEA institution **\$3,500** up to a 2-year period
2. Projects involving the collaboration of two or more different NEGEA-affiliated institutions **\$7,500** up to a 2-year period

Eligibility

Medical educators from [NEGEA-affiliated institutions](#) are eligible to submit a proposal. Trainees who would like to submit a proposal must have a faculty member or medical educator as a co-Primary Investigator (PI). Applicants may submit one proposal per year and may not be an author on any other grants or awards currently receiving GEA funding.

Submission Process

Investigators must submit proposals as a single PDF document to the GEA website (<https://bit.ly/submitMESREgrant>) by 11:59pm on **August 15, 2025**. Please title proposals using the following format "**Proposal2025_LastName**". Proposals must include the requirements listed below.

Evaluation Criteria

NOTE: if you do not receive an email acknowledging receipt of your proposal within 24 hours of submission, please notify us at Valerie.Lang@urmc.rochester.edu.

NEGEA MESRE Grants are not limited to a specific content area; however, the region is particularly interested in funding proposals around: 1) AI in medical education; 2) learner assessment; 3) application of learning science to teaching; 4) Parallel (unassigned commercial) curricula; 5) Creating welcoming learning and patient environments; 6) the UME-GME-CPD transition; and 7) professional identity, well-being, vitality and burnout.

We welcome projects from junior researchers and those from historically underrepresented groups in medicine. Multiple reviewers will assess each proposal.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals should use 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Proposals should not exceed **five single-spaced** pages including tables, figures, and appendices (excluding references, budget, timeline, biosketches and cover sheet) and must include the following:

NEGEA Grant Cover Sheet (Does not count towards page limit)

- Name of applicant(s), title and their affiliated NEGEA medical school(s)
- Project title
- Contact information for Principal Investigator (mailing address, telephone, email)
- Contact information for institutional grant/development officer to whom payment will be made (name, title, address, phone and e-mail).

Rationale & Statement of the Problem:

- Purpose and need for the proposed research
- Specific aims of the study
- Clearly articulated research question (*for quantitative studies, a clearly stated hypothesis*)

Background & Theoretical Framework:

- Grounding of approach/study in the relevant theory and literature

Methodology:

- Appropriate research methods to answer research questions
- Recruitment methods for study participants
- Steps to ensure validity of data collection and data analysis
- Data analysis strategies including specific quantitative and/or qualitative methods

Outcomes and Evaluation:

- For intervention studies, describe how you will decide if this program/project is effective

- Anticipated outcomes (*including potential impact on medical education*)
- Identify the target population and how many people will be impacted by this proposal

Dissemination Plans:

- This should include a statement of your intent to present your work at the annual NEGEA conference within three years of the award start date, as well as any other plans for dissemination (e.g., journal publication, MedEdPortal, other conferences)

References:

- Must follow the AMA citation style; no more than 1 page single-spaced

Budget Justification

- Please outline your anticipated budget using the template below including itemized costs and a statement of justification for each budget line item
 - Grants will cover direct costs of conducting the research.
 - Example budgetary items include 1) administrative/technical support to carry out project (*e.g., clerical, administrative coordinator, TA*), 2) supplies (*e.g., copies, mailings*), 3) data analysis/personnel (*e.g., research assistant, statistical analysis, software, transcription services*); 4) travel costs for attending a conference (up to \$500) and 5) publication costs (up to \$500).
 - Please note that budget items should not include: 1) payments to authors (*direct payments or reimbursements*), 2) funding for faculty/clinical release time, or 3) indirect costs or fringe benefits.

Project Timeline:

Briefly describe the proposed activities and timeline (not to exceed 24 months from time of funding transfer).

Biographical Sketches:

- Please include a biographical sketch (**2-page maximum**) for **all individuals** listed as an investigator on your proposal (includes PI and co-investigators)
 - Include relevant skills and lists of durable educational materials/publications that demonstrate knowledge/skill in the area being proposed for study. Please no CVs. A sample bio-sketch from NIH can be viewed here:
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>

Letters of Support:

- One letter of support is required from an institutional support personnel (e.g., dean, vice chair for research, or department chair) for **each** study author, stating their commitment to the project. Project authors may not write a letter on their own behalf.
 - All letters must be received by the grant deadline and should be submitted with the application proposal as part of the single pdf document.

Institutional Review Board:

- If this research involves human subjects, a letter of approval from the host(s) Institutional Review Board (IRB) stating that the project is approved or exempt is required prior to funding an approved proposal (due before 03/01/26).

Reports

The PI must submit a status update yearly by March 1st of each year and a final report within three months of the end of the grant. Reports will include progress to date, obstacles and solutions, dissemination activities, and budget reports. A project whose PI is no longer a member of the NEGEA must submit a request for approval of a new PI with continued funding, contingent on approval of the NEGEA Steering Committee. Reports must be submitted to the NEGEA MESRE representative and include information about any presentations and/or publications that have resulted or may result from the project.

Presentation

At the conclusion of the funded project – and within three years of the award date - the awardee must present grant-related work at an NEGEA annual conference and must acknowledge NEGEA as a source of funding in resulting scholarship.

Questions

All inquiries and communications should be addressed to the NEGEA MESRE representative, Valerie Lang, MD, MHPE at Valerie_Lang@urmc.rochester.edu.

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