



CRAIG H NEILSEN FOUNDATION

FUNDING FACT SHEET

What does the CHN Foundation fund?

CHN's portfolio funds the following categories of research:

- Spinal Cord Injury Research on the Translational Spectrum
 - Supports research to develop new approaches that improve function, address complications, and generate essential data to advance clinical decision making in traumatic spinal cord injury (SCI).
- Creating Opportunity & Independence
 - For non profit organizations providing programs for those living with spinal cord injury and services that are community-driven, empowering, and inclusive of all ages and backgrounds to enhance quality of life.
- Psychosocial Research
 - For research that addresses emotional challenges and barriers to participation in desired activities after spinal cord injury, and to develop solutions that foster healthy behavior, satisfaction, and fulfillment.
- Spinal Cord Injury Medicine Fellowships
 - Supporting specialty clinical training in focused rehabilitation programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

There is also a visionary prize: Craig H. Neilsen Visionary Prize

- Created to honor the legacy of Craig H. Neilsen, celebrating influential voices in the world of spinal cord injury.

<https://chnfoundation.org/programs/>

Mission of the CHN Foundation

Vision: "Individuals with spinal cord injuries, and those who care for them, live full and productive lives as active participants in their communities."

Mission: "Craig H. Neilsen Foundation's funding is dedicated to supporting both programs and scientific research to improve the quality of life for those living with spinal cord injury."

More about the CHN Foundation

CHN homepage: <https://chnfoundation.org>

Founder and history: <https://chnfoundation.org/our-founder-and-history/>

CHN latest stories: <https://chnfoundation.org/news/>

Grants process

To apply for a grant with the CHN foundation:

- Review the [application guide](#) for the relevant funding opportunity to confirm eligibility, fit, and timeline
- Submit a Letter of Intent (LOI)
- If invited to apply (based on LOI), submit a full application to [ProposalCentral](#) (referring to the application guide for your program)

Generally, grants are reviewed based on the following criteria. Refer to the [application guides](#) for specific criteria for the LOI and individual funding opportunities.

- **Scientific Rigor:** Strong scientific rationale and methodology
- **Creativity:** Novel insights or advancements in spinal cord injury research.
- **Relevance to Mission:** Improvement of the lives of individuals with spinal cord injuries.
- **Investigator Qualifications & Research Environment:** Experience and expertise of the PI and research team. If postdoctoral fellow, demonstrate adequate training plan.
- **Budget Justification and Feasibility:** Realistic timeline and budget aligned with proposed objectives.
- **Translational Potential:** Potential to move from basic science to clinical applications.

Grants are awarded to qualifying non-profit organizations in the U.S. and Canada and are not awarded to individuals. All grantees will be required to verify tax-exempt status and eligibility for funding as detailed in our Application Guides.

For foundation grants, we advise going through the Foundations Office as they often have pre-existing relationships as well as templates to guide the process.

Where to find previously funded CHN grants

CHN has their previously funded grants available through Dimensions.ai:
<https://chn.dimensions.ai/discover/grant>

You should have access to Dimensions using your institutional credentials.