

Selection Criteria

Must be endorsed by a national PEN-, sister-, or other society (worldwide) listed on http://www.espen.org/espen-national-societies.

Must focus on quantifiable advancements in one or more of the following areas of clinical nutrition:

- · Evidence of improved patient outcomes
- · Effective screening and treatment pathways
- · Reduction in prevalence of malnutrition risk
- · Demonstration of health economic benefits
- · Progressive collaborations with multidisciplinary stakeholders including patients and carers
- Education of medical students / healthcare professionals
- · Strategies to implement and advance nutritional care in clinical practice

Focus on a broad population is highly desirable. This also includes a focus on nutritional care activities in individuals with (risk of) SARS-CoV-2. Potential of the initiative to influence national nutrition policy and/or to transfer to other settings or geographies is highly desirable.

Must demonstrate progress and achievements in the next 24 months.

Previous MNI Grant winners may reapply if submitting either a new initiative, or a significant evolution from the initial winning submission. Commercial initiatives may be deprioritized.

At the 2021 ESPEN Congress, the winner will be invited to present their initiative during the Joint ESPEN, MNI, and Optimal Nutrition Care for All (ONCA) Session. After the event, all submissions will be posted on www.medicalnutritionindustry.com.

After 24 months, the winner will be asked to report on developments.

Selection Process

Submissions will be reviewed by a committee from MNI and ESPEN according to the defined criteria. In the event that there is not one clear winner, the grant may be shared between 2 submissions.

Submission Requirements (poster prerequisites):

The following sections & information must be included:

Project title & collaborators

- · Title of project
- Contact person (name, telephone number, email address)
- · National PEN society endorsement, including: a) endorsement letter from the PEN society, and b) PEN society logo on the poster

Brief description of the initiative/project

- · Rationale/background of the initiative/project
- · What makes it innovative?

Scope of the project & enablers

- · Activities: What specifically will be done?
- Resources planned/required (personnel/time/financial): How will the €30,000 be used? Has other funding been sought/achieved?
- Implementation: What factors will make this initiative/project successful? What strategic approach will be taken?

Results/outcomes & expected impact

- What achievements are possible in the next 12 and 24 months?
- · What are the likely results and expected impact on patient care?
- What makes this initiative interesting on a national/international level?

Submission Process

- Submit in **poster format** (one-page, readable printed on A3 paper) using the MNI submission template
- · Address all the submission requirements listed above
- SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 15 MAY 2021

Award Payment

The grant will be payable through the endorsing PEN society.