**National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) with funding from**

**POISCenter.com**

#### Announces

# Research Seed Money Grant

# (up to $31,000)

for

**Post-Orgasmic Illness Syndrome (POIS)**

**DEADLINE: ONGOING**

NORD, with funding from the patient group POISCenter.com, is accepting applications for a total of $31,000 for scientific and/or clinical research studies dedicated to post-orgasmic illness syndrome (POIS). POIS is a rare condition in which affected men develop a cluster of flu-like symptoms after ejaculation that can include extreme fatigue; weakness; feverishness or sweating; mood changes or irritability; memory or concentration problems; and/or a stuffy nose or itching eyes. Symptoms may occur within seconds, minutes or a few hours after ejaculation. Most symptoms last for 2 to 7 days and resolve spontaneously. The underlying cause of POIS is poorly understood but some scientists believe it may an autoimmune condition. Rarely, females also have been reported with POIS.

**Research Objectives**

The purpose of the NORD Research Grant Program is to encourage meritorious scientific and clinical studies designed to improve the diagnosis or therapy of rare “orphan” diseases. This grant will be awarded to academic researchers to initiate or advance research and understanding of post-orgasmic illness syndrome; data resulting from this grant may be used to obtain funding from NIH, FDA or other funding agencies, or to attract a corporate sponsor. Procedures or proposed therapeutic trials may be new, based on recent biochemical or pharmacological evidence, or in preliminary stages of clinical investigation. Evaluation of proposals will include careful consideration of protocol design, objectiveness of parameters measured, and statistical evaluation proposed. Protocols that focus on cause, early detection, diagnosis, or treatment (pharmacological, devices, surgery, or dietary) will be given priority.

**Application Procedure**

**Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the funding has been awarded. For electronic submission (preferred), all application elements listed below should be merged into a single PDF file (PDF required for document security) and sent to** [**research@rarediseases.org**](mailto:research@rarediseases.org) **with “NORD Abstract Proposal” as the subject line. Alternatively, applications can be mailed to:**

**NORD Research Grant Program**

**55 Kenosia Avenue**

**Danbury, CT 06810 USA**

* Tables on pages 3 through 5 of this document, completed in full
* Initial letter of intent (1 page)
* Abstract of the proposal (1 page)
* Brief budget outline
* Cogent reasons why NORD funding is essential (explain applicant’s particular interest in this grant)
* Biographical sketch and bibliography for Principal Investigator (forms provided)
* List of co-investigators (if applicable)

**Incomplete applications may not be considered.**

**FULL PROPOSALS**

* Full proposal invitations will be issued via email.
* Application requirements for full proposals will accompany these invitations.

**AWARDING OF GRANT**

* Award announcements will be made via email and posted on NORD’s website.
* Funding will begin after all necessary documents (e.g. IRB forms, patient consent forms, signed grant agreements) have been received by NORD.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

* If the study involves human subjects, copies of the informed consent form and the Institutional Review Board committee report will be required from each site involved in the study before payment can begin.
* Clinical drug trials must meet requirements established by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA).
* If the study involves applicable human gene transfer protocols, a copy of the NIH Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee (RAC) review or waiver of review will be required.
* Duplicate/overlapping funds from any other private or public source are not to be used.

**ABOUT NORD**

The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)® is the leading independent advocacy organization representing all patients and families affected by rare diseases. NORD is committed to the identification, treatment and cure of the 7,000 rare diseases that affect 30 million Americans, or 1 in every 10 people. For more than 30 years, NORD has led the way in voicing the needs of the rare disease community, driving supportive policies and education, advancing medical research, and providing patient and family services for those who need them most. Besides advocating for increased government research funding and referring patients to clinical trials and genetic investigations, NORD funds clinical research grants on new treatments for rare diseases.

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| Researcher’s Email |  | | |
| Researcher’s Mailing Address |  | | |
| City/State/Zip Country |  | | |
| Researcher’s Telephone |  | | |
| Researcher’s Fax |  | | |
| Institution(s) Where Research Will Be Conducted |  | | |
| City, State, Country of Institution(s) |  | | |
| Title of Project |  | | |
| Term of Project (*should reflect proposal*) | 1 Year 2 Years | | |
| Funding Amount Requested (not to exceed $31,000) |  | | |
| Will Research Involve Human Subjects? | [ ] YES | [ ] NO | |
| How Did You Hear About This RFP? | NORD Member Organization Website Posting  Email Subscription Service Referral from Colleague  Medical/Research Publication  Other (please specify below) | | |
| Please Be As Specific As Possible: |  | | |
| Applicant Signature (required) |  | | |
| Application Checklist | | | Yes/No |
| **Initial letter of intent** (1 page) | | |  |
| **Abstract of the proposal** (1 page) | | |  |
| **Brief budget outline.** Do not include PI salary, overhead, or indirect costs. Funding can be used to cover expenses such as staff salary, technical assistance, supplies, and small equipment. | | |  |
| **Cogent reasons why NORD funding is essential** (explain applicant’s particular interest in this NORD grant opportunity) | | |  |
| **Biographical sketch and bibliography** (forms provided, see pages 4 & 5) | | |  |
| **List of co-investigators** (if applicable) | | |  |

**Biographical Sketch**

Please provide a biographical sketch and bibliography for the Principal Investigator. Applicant may use this form or the NIH Biosketch form. Please modify the form to include, when applicable, the following:

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| **Name**  Position/Title |  | | | |
| **Education/Training**  Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education and include postdoctoral training. | Institution and Location | Degree | Year(s) | Field of Study |
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| **Research and Professional Experience**  Concluding with present position, list in chronological order previous employment, experience, and honors. Include present membership on any advisory committee. |  | | | |
| **Honors and Awards** |  | | | |

**Bibliography**

**Publications:** List in chronological order the titles, all authors, and complete references of all publications in the last three years and representative earlier publications pertinent to this application. If the list of publications exceeds two pages, select the most pertinent publications.

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**CO-INVESTIGATOR(S)**

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