



MNI Awards a grant of €40,000 to planned national initiatives or research projects for Optimal Nutritional Care

SELECTION CRITERIA

Must be endorsed by a national PEN society listed on <http://www.espen.org/espen-national-societies> through an **endorsement letter** by the endorsing PEN society to be submitted with the application. Without such a document the application will be considered non-compliant and excluded from the review.

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. Potential of the initiative to influence national nutrition policy and/or to transfer to other settings or geographies is highly desirable. Multinational submissions are welcome.

Must demonstrate progress and achievements in the next 24 months. The winner will be invited to provide:

1. A detailed **project management plan** at the start
2. A **mid-term short report** at 12 months (or earlier), and
3. An **end-of-project report** at 24 months (or earlier), including an overview of fundings and expenditures.

Any delay in the deliverables of the project shall be communicated promptly to the MNI Secretariat in a timely manner.



SELECTION PROCESS

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

Submissions will be reviewed by a scientific committee, with representatives from MNI and ESPEN, according to the defined criteria.

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?
- Implementation:
 - What factors will make this initiative/project successful? What strategic approach will be taken?
 - How will the outcomes of this initiative be implemented to improve practice?
 - 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?
- How will the initiative have a medium-/long-term impact on changing practice and/or policies in nutritional care at national level?

Budget

- Resources planned/required (personnel/time/financial): What is the total budget of the project? How will the €40,000 be used?
- Has other funding been sought and/or achieved? Please disclose information on any other financial support – either public and/or private - already planned or requested for the project submitted.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Submit your application using the MNI submission [template](#).
- Address all the submission requirements listed above.
- Incomplete submissions may not be considered for review.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 30 April 2025

Submissions and any enquiries should be e-mailed to: secretariat@medicalnutritionindustry.com

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Submission not respecting the focus and poster requirements.
- Submission provided without PEN society endorsement letter.
- Submission received after the deadline.
- Commercial initiatives or projects already funded by the industry may be deprioritized.

AWARD PAYMENT

Please be aware that the MNI grant will be payable through the endorsing PEN society. The payment will be split into two instalments: 80% at presentation of the detailed management plan, and the remaining 20% at reception of the mid-term report.