

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submission deadline: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 | 11:59 PM ET



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NEUROFIBROMATOSIS

Young Investigators' Forum

DECEMBER 3–4, 2026 | Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards | Baltimore, MD

An Academic Research Forum Focused on
Research Productivity, Career Development, and
Community-Building for Junior Faculty, Fellows,
Postdoctoral Researchers, and PhD Students
Located in North America and Internationally.



OVERVIEW

The Neurofibromatosis Young Investigators' Forum (NFYIF) is a highly competitive research and professional development forum which strives to encourage, promote, and empower Young Investigators to forge collegial connections and acquire the necessary skills and relationships to increase their research productivity and catalyze their career trajectory in neurofibromatosis (NF). Through our partnership with the Children's Tumor Foundation (CTF), we will also incorporate the patient/caregiver voice and invite patients to present their stories and personal NF journeys at the meeting.

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ELIGIBILITY

North American and internationally-based Junior Faculty, Fellows, Postdoctoral Researchers, and PhD students (MDs, DOs, PhDs, and PhD students) involved in neurofibromatosis research.

Junior Faculty (Instructors or Assistant Professors not more than 5 years from first faculty appointment)

- Clinician Scientist (MD/DO +/- PhD in active patient care and conducting any lab-based or clinical research in neurofibromatosis)
- Research Scientist (MD/DO and/or PhD conducting full time lab-based research in neurofibromatosis)

Fellows, Doctoral Students/Trainees and Postdoctoral Researchers (Must be enrolled in a fellowship program or have completed a PhD program within the past 5 years)

- Clinical Fellow (MD/DO +/- PhD conducting any clinical or lab-based research in neurofibromatosis)
- PhD Postdoctoral Researcher (PhD conducting lab-based research in neurofibromatosis)
- PhD Students/Trainees (conducting lab-based research in neurofibromatosis)

All work must be unpublished original research in an area related to neurofibromatosis. Please note: publication of research as an abstract alone does not preclude eligibility; however, an abstract will not be accepted if it has been published as a full manuscript before September 8, 2026.

Abstracts to be presented at future medical meetings are eligible for submission.

ABSTRACT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- Only one abstract submission per Young Investigator will be accepted.
- Abstracts must conform to the abstract preparation instructions. Those that do not will be rejected.
- Only original work completed by the Young Investigator will be accepted.
- Abstract submissions from past Young Investigators are both allowed and encouraged.
- All accepted abstracts will be published in an electronic program to be provided to all attendees. The publication of electronic handout materials will not preclude publication or presentation elsewhere.

SELECTION PROCESS

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- Expert Faculty Judges will review and score all submissions.
- Authors of the abstracts selected for presentation at the Forum will be expected to present their research according to their status at the time the research was completed (i.e., if research was conducted during fellowship training, it will be presented in the Fellows category).
- All presentations will be podium format and will consist of an 8-minute formal presentation with PowerPoint slides and a 7-minute question-answer period (15 minutes total).

FINALISTS

The finalists (authors of accepted abstracts) must attend the meeting in its entirety and will be provided with:

- A travel scholarship for lodging, airline, and/or ground transportation.*
- All group buffet meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for the duration of the meeting.
- Individualized presentation skills coaching prior to the meeting.

*Travel scholarships provided by CEC

 **Please note:** Expenses for accompanying travelers will not be provided. Guests are not permitted to attend any portion of the meeting, including buffet meals.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

- 1. SUBMISSION:** Please visit ceconcepts.com/NFYIF to complete the abstract submission.
- 2. IDENTIFICATION:** Upon entering the abstract submission website, you will be required to submit the following information:
 - Full name, degree(s), credential(s)
 - Mailing address
 - Daytime telephone and e-mail
 - Photo
 - Current institution
 - Previous institution (where research was conducted, if applicable)
 - Submitting author and study type: (Clinician Scientist, Research Scientist, Clinical Fellow, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, or PhD Student/Trainee)

- 3. FORMAT:** Abstracts should be uploaded as a Microsoft Word document with your last name in the document name.

Abstracts should consist of a brief title (bolded) descriptive of the research. Include first and last names and degrees of the authors. Underline the presenting author's name and list the name and location of the institution where research was completed. Do not identify authors or institutions in the body of the abstract. Sans serif font (such as Arial or Helvetica) is preferred. Do not use font sizes smaller than 10 point.

Abstract text must be 500 words or less (not including career statement). Please make sure all figures are high resolution (at least 300 dpi). No more than a total of 4 figures and/or tables per submission are permitted. Please limit figures to 1 graph or image each (i.e., no multiple-part figures). Legends should be included with the abstract text and not as part of the figures (not included in the 500-word limit); figures should be embedded in the abstract file and not included as separate attachments.

Organize the body of the abstract in the following manner:

- a. Disclosure of relevant financial relationships (not included in word count)
- b. A sentence stating the purpose of the study
- c. A brief statement of methods
- d. A summary of results
- e. A statement of conclusions reached. It is not satisfactory to state, "The results will be discussed."
- f. Career Statement: In a few sentences, please outline your career path, highlighting your short-term and long-term career goals. Please elaborate on how you anticipate this young investigators' forum will help you achieve these goals, improve your own professional development, and address challenges in the field of NF-related research.

4. NOTIFICATION

Abstract Receipt: An automatic email confirming abstract submission will be provided upon completion of the online submission process.

Abstract Acceptance: Notification of abstract acceptance or rejection will be provided via e-mail within a month of abstract submission.

AWARDS

An awards ceremony will be held on Friday evening, **December 4, 2026**, at which time financial grants will be awarded to top performers in each of the categories. Grant payments will be made directly to the affiliated institution of each winning Young Investigator after the live program date.

QUESTIONS

Please contact **Jessica Hall** with CEC Oncology at hallj@ceconcepts.com.

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