



Guidance Document

1 SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

1.1 Instructions

All applications should be submitted through the [Pathways APN Application Portal](#).

The following items should be included in the submission via the portal:

- 1. Completed Pathways APN Research Awards Application Supplement Form**
 - a. Applications are limited to 5 pages (single spaced, 12 font) within this template. This limit does not include the references, budget, or appendices.
- 2. Completed Pathways APN Research Awards Budget Form**
- 3. Appendices that should be submitted separately and not within the Pathways APN Research Awards Application Supplement Template :**
 - a. Letter(s) of support
 - i. At least one letter of support attesting to your ability to carry out the proposed project, available resources, and feasibility of the project.
 - b. Applicants CV
 - c. Applicant's bibliography

Additional supporting documents may be included but are not required. Note that supporting documents may NOT include part of the Application (for example, figures or references).

The [Pathways APN Research Awards Application Supplement Form](#) should be downloaded from the Pathways Research Awards program website.

The [Pathways APN Research Awards Budget Form](#) should be downloaded from the Pathways Research Awards website.

Please note, you may need to right-click and select "save target as" to download the files.

1.2 Key Dates

1.2.1 Application Deadline

June 01, 2026 (by 11:59 pm Eastern Daylight Time)

1.2.2 Notification of Review Committee Decision

Q3 2026

1.2.3 Public Announcement of Awardees

Q4 2026



1.2.4 Funding

Grants will be funded after execution of Alkermes Pathways APN Research Awards™ Terms and Conditions and receipt of all regulatory or institutional approvals (as applicable). The inaugural Pathways APN Research Awards program will provide individual grants amounts of up to \$10,000 each to licensed psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners who are actively engaged in clinical, academic, and/or community health settings to conduct research in schizophrenia or bipolar I disorder.

2. SCOPE OF AWARD

2.1 Scope of Awards

The program is designed to support research in therapeutic areas that are of interest to Alkermes, focusing on serious mental illness (SMI). In the future, other therapeutic areas may be considered.

The areas of scientific interest are:

- **Schizophrenia**
- **Bipolar I Disorder**

Applications that meet the following research design criteria are invited:

- Quantitative
- Qualitative
- Quality Improvement
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Systematic Reviews & Meta-Analyses

Please note that therapeutic treatment studies using an Alkermes product will require additional review by Alkermes.

2.2 Eligibility

This grant is available to licensed nurse practitioners specializing in psychiatric-mental health and actively practicing in clinical, academic, or community health environments.

Pathways APN Research Awards will be awarded to applicants who have demonstrated commitment to schizophrenia, or bipolar I disorder research. Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be licensed nurse practitioners specializing in psychiatric-mental health and actively practicing in clinical, academic, or community health environments.
- Eligible applicants must have a doctorate degree (PhD, DNP, etc.) or if not, must have a co-investigator/mentor who does.
- The award cannot be used towards progress for a degree.
- Must be willing and able to accept funding from a for-profit biopharmaceutical company.



- The proposed research and final report must be completed within two years, with a poster, presentation, or publication draft by the end of the project period.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or holders of a work visa for the entire two-year grant period.

Applications should show the commitment and ability to follow applicable research ethics requirements.

2.3 Criteria for Selection

Alkermes fully funds the Pathways APN Research Awards program. Additionally, Alkermes and its agency partner provide the infrastructure and administrative support required to facilitate the application process and the independent review process, in addition to notifying applicants and distributing Awards. All applications will be formally reviewed by an independent review committee comprising prominent researchers in the field. The review committee has final responsibility for selection of Awardees.

Note: A preliminary review of submissions will be completed by Alkermes to ensure that there are no regulatory/legal restrictions on the Applicant and that there are no concerns with the proposed work from a healthcare compliance or patient safety perspective.

When the review committee evaluates a proposal, they will consider criteria, including but not limited to:

- Overall impact
- Applicant
 - Whether applicant is qualified in terms of education, experience, and background to conduct the proposed research
 - If the application does not meet the qualified terms, consider their mentor.
 - Applicant research goals
- Research environment and /organizational commitment to the applicant
- Research plan
 - Is the research proposal scientifically sound?
 - The scientific rigor and medical value of the proposed research, including likelihood that it will be completed within 2 years and outcomes will be published or otherwise publicly presented to the scientific and medical communities

2.4 Budget

Total budget should not exceed \$10,000, including direct research project-related costs and institutional overhead.

Funds may be used for:

- Personnel necessary to complete the research project.
- Funding for hours of work, which are specified in the research project.
- Supplies and consumables necessary to fulfill the research project's aims.



- Travel to a scientific meeting for presentation of data from the research project may be included. Travel expenses may not exceed \$750 over the duration of the project.
- Overhead costs.
 - Please work with your office of Clinical Research/Grants to ensure that overhead costs are tailored to the scope of the project. Indirect rates, as with all elements of the budget, are a factor in the review.
 - Additional documentation is required for overhead costs greater than 30% for clinical projects and greater than 50% for non-clinical projects.

Funds may not be used for any expenses unrelated to the research project. Additionally, funds may not be used for equipment, including computers and tablets, office supplies, tuition, fees, dues, and subscriptions.

This is a competitive grant program. Each grant is non-renewable and paid as described below. A competitive grant awarded by the review committee cannot later be amended upwards with additional funding. Grants will be paid in USD according to the terms of the contract with Alkermes and generally at these milestones:

- Upon successful execution of the Alkermes Pathways APN Research Awards™ Terms and Conditions and receipt of all required institutional or ethics approvals (as applicable)
- Upon the receipt of an appropriate progress report at the halfway mark of the Project Period
- Upon the receipt of an appropriate final report with a poster, presentation or publication draft within sixty (60) days after the end of the Project Period

Additionally, funding provided through the program may be subject to reporting to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as part of the Sunshine Act. In compliance with the Sunshine Act, Alkermes will report annually on payment and other transfers of value made to covered recipients.

A final financial report is due 60 days after the end of the funding period reconciling the proposed budget with the actual expenditure. In the event that unexpended funds remain at the end of the funding period, these funds must be returned to Alkermes program.

Note: Grants will be awarded to each grantee's institution or organization, but the awards are specific to the grantees. Grants distributed under this program may not have industry funding or duplicate funding from any other source, including government or non-governmental sources. To avoid overlap with a Pathways APN Research Award, no other government, non-governmental, or industry-sponsored projects may cover the same work scope as that for which funding is requested in the application to the Pathways APN Research Award program. However, a Pathways APN Research Awards program grant may be related to other funding from foundations or government agencies, provided there is no direct overlap. It is the responsibility of the applicant to justify the novelty of the proposal and provide evidence that the application does not overlap with any current or pending funding. Pathways APN Research Awards program grants cannot be provided to studies that are already in progress.



3. RESEARCH ON ALKERMES PRODUCT

Use of Alkermes product is not required. If Alkermes drug is requested and is available, it will be provided at no cost in a sufficient quantity to complete the research project. Alkermes will not provide funding to purchase Alkermes drug. Proposals for research utilizing pharmacotherapy will be considered for a Pathways APN Research Award regardless of the manufacturer of the agent used.

4. PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The Pathways APN Research Awards program requires applicants to publish results from supported research projects (journal or congress submissions) with acknowledgement: "Funded by a grant from the Pathways APN Research Awards™ program, an independent competitive grants program supported by Alkermes." For publications including an Alkermes product, Alkermes reserves the right to review and possibly comment on the publication before submission.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require clarification of any information, please contact the Pathways APN Research Awards Program Manager via the [Pathways Inquiry Submission Form](#).