The National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation (NNPDF) invites applications for a research fellowship examining the biology of Acid Sphingomyelinase Deficiency (ASMD; i.e., Types A and B Niemann-Pick Disease), a rare inherited lysosomal storage disease for which there are no effective therapies.

Those eligible to apply for funding are:
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The NNPDF fellowships provide support of $50,000 per annum for two years ($30,000 per annum for three years for predoctoral fellowships) and are renewable based on performance. Applicants must be currently associated with a recognized laboratory.

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