



The Association for
Frontotemporal Degeneration
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

AFTD Pilot Grants for Basic Science and Clinical Research

Deadline for Applications: September 16, 2016

We welcome proposals for two types of Pilot Grants: our Basic Science Pilot Grant and our Clinical Research Pilot Grant (made possible by the Susan Marcus Memorial Fund). One award will be made in each category. AFTD Pilot Grants are designed to support innovative research projects with the potential to advance our understanding of frontotemporal degeneration (FTD), which includes: behavioral variant FTD, primary progressive aphasia, progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal degeneration and FTD-ALS (FTD-MND). AFTD Pilot Grants provide seed funding for original projects with the goal of generating preliminary data to support a follow-on grant application to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or other public or private agency.

Who Can Apply

- Investigators with faculty appointments at any academic institution, hospital or other not-for-profit institution.
- Investigators employed by for-profit organizations.
- Early-career scientists in the process of developing an independent research program are especially encouraged to apply.
- Postdoctoral fellows (MD or PhD) are not eligible unless confirmation of a faculty appointment that will start during the grant term is provided.
- Applications from US and international researchers will be considered.

Grant Specifics

- 1-year duration, funding period January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
- \$60,000 maximum
- Direct costs only

Application Procedure:

Step 1: You will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer to complete the application form. If you do not have Reader, you can obtain it for free here:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/us/en/acrobat/pdf-reader.html>

Step 2: Use the link on the AFTD Funding Opportunities website

(<http://www.theaftd.org/research/funding-opportunities>) or contact Debra Niehoff, AFTD Research Manager (dniehoff@theaftd.org), to request the Pilot Grant Application, which includes:

1. *Applicant Information Form*
2. *Institutional Certification and Acceptance* – All applications must be certified by the applicant's institution. Please have the relevant official sign (electronic signature acceptable) on page 2 of your application.
3. *Description of Proposed Research* – Follow the instructions to prepare a narrative description of your research project. Save the description as a PDF file and attach the file where indicated.
4. *Biosketches* – Prepare a Biosketch for the principal investigator and co-principal investigator, using the abbreviated NIH form illustrated (note that this form is included as a guide only and is



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NOT a fillable form). Save all biosketches as a single PDF form and attach this file where indicated.

5. *Detailed Budget Form* – Please note that AFTD Pilot Grants can be applied to direct costs only. Follow the budget guidelines below.
6. *Additional Funding Form* – Other ongoing and pending research support for the PI and other investigators, with a brief description of potentially overlapping funded projects.

Step 3: Complete all forms and save your application, including attachments, as a single PDF file. Use the following format when naming this file: yourname_2016_Basic_Pilot Grant_application *or* yourname_2016_Clinical_Pilot_Grant_application. For “yourname” please use the surname/family name of the principal investigator.

Step 4: Submit this file electronically to grants+pilot@theaftd.org.

Budget guidelines:

- a. PI salary may represent no more than 5-10% of total budget.
- b. No indirect costs or institutional overhead.
- c. Maximum for durable equipment: \$5,000.
- d. Maximum for publication costs: \$300.
- e. Maximum travel for one investigator to participate in International FTD or other research conference: \$1000.

Review Process: The deadline for applications is **Friday, September 16, 2016**. Applications must be submitted electronically to: grants+pilot@theaftd.org. Applications will be reviewed confidentially by AFTD and an external Scientific Review Panel, which includes members of AFTD’s Medical Advisory Council.¹

Contact Information: For more information please contact:

Specific questions about the scientific or financial aspects of proposals:

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General questions about the Pilot Grant program or the application and review process:

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¹ The AFTD Board, upon recommendation from the Review Panel, reserves the right to make final award determinations.