



The Association for  
Frontotemporal Degeneration  
Opening the gateway to help and a cure

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### AFTD Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

**Letter of Intent Due:** November 14, 2016

**Application Deadline:** January 4, 2017

**Funding period:** July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019

The AFTD Postdoctoral Fellowship provides \$55,000 (USD)/year for two years to support basic, translational, clinical, and epidemiological FTD research by an outstanding scientist at an early stage of their career. Fellowship projects can address disorders across the FTD spectrum, including behavioral variant FTD, primary progressive aphasia, progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal degeneration, and FTD with motor neuron disease.

#### **Who Can Apply**

- Applicants must have a PhD, MD, or MD-PhD degree and be engaged in research at an academic institution, teaching hospital, or nonprofit research institute.
- Applicants must be entering the first, second, or third year of the postdoctoral appointment at the start of the fellowship term.
- Researchers holding temporary or permanent staff scientist positions are not eligible.
- Both US and international postdoctoral researchers are eligible.
- A letter of sponsorship from the sponsoring principal investigator, including a description of the training plan, is required

#### **Fellowship Specifics**

- 2-year duration; funding period July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019
- \$55,000 (USD)/year
- Funds cover postdoctoral stipend and benefits
- Remaining funds may be applied to:
  - Travel to relevant scientific meetings
  - Research expenses
  - Publication costs
- Direct costs only

#### **Application Procedure**

You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer to complete the application. If you do not have Acrobat Reader, you can download (free) it here: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

- I. Request an Application Packet from Debra Niehoff, AFTD Research Manager, at [dniehoff@theaftd.org](mailto:dniehoff@theaftd.org). This packet contains instructions and forms for completing and submitting the Letter of Intent, Fellowship Application, PI Sponsor Letter, and Referee Support Letters.
- II. **Letter of Intent** – The first step in the application process is the submission of a Letter of Intent. Please use the form provided for this purpose. Be sure to include all required signatures; electronic signatures are acceptable. **Submit your Letter of Intent electronically to [grants+postdoctoral\\_fellowship@theaftd.org](mailto:grants+postdoctoral_fellowship@theaftd.org) by November 14, 2016.**
- III. **Fellowship Application** – Please use the form provided. The application includes:
- *Applicant Information Page*
  - *Personal statement* that addresses the applicant's current research interests, career goals, and interest in FTD research. Prepare separately, save as a PDF file and attach where indicated.
  - *Two-year Research Plan*: Follow the instructions to prepare a concise narrative description of the proposed research. Use an easy-to-read font (Arial recommended), font size of at least 11 points, single-spaced. Save as a PDF file, using the filename: yourname\_2017\_fellowship\_research\_plan and attach where indicated.
  - *Two-year budget justification*: Please use the form provided
  - *Applicant's curriculum vitae*: Save as a PDF file and attach where indicated
  - *PI Letter of sponsorship and curriculum vitae*: Follow the instructions to prepare the sponsorship letter, which should include a detailed description of the training plan for the applicant. Save this letter and the sponsoring PI's curriculum vitae as a single PDF file and attach where indicated.
- Save the completed application, including attachments, as a single PDF file, using the following format when naming the file: yourname\_2017\_Postdoctoral Fellowship  
**Submit your application electronically to [grants+postdoc\\_fellowship@theaftd.org](mailto:grants+postdoc_fellowship@theaftd.org) by January 4, 2017.**
- IV. **Referee Support Letters** – Letters of support from two independent referees are required. Provide your referees with the enclosed instructions to assist their preparation of the letter of support. **Letters should be signed and submitted electronically in PDF format to [grants+postdoc\\_fellowship@theaftd.org](mailto:grants+postdoc_fellowship@theaftd.org). All letters must be received by January 4, 2017.**

**Contact Information:** If you have questions or need additional information, please contact:

*Specific questions about the scientific aspect of applications:*

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*General questions about the Postdoctoral Fellowship program or the application and review process:*

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