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AFTD Postdoctoral Research Fellowship – Request for Proposals 2014

Announcement Date: September 29, 2014

Letter of Intent (LOI) Due: November 14, 2014

Application Submission Deadline: January 12, 2015

Decision Date: April 3, 2015

Grant Term Begins: July 1, 2015

Grant Term Ends: June 30, 2017

Applications, LOI and referee support letters must be submitted electronically in PDF format to: fellowship@theaftd.org

Fellowship Summary

The AFTD Postdoctoral Research Fellowship is designed to foster basic, translational, clinical and/or epidemiological FTD research by an outstanding scientist at an early stage of his or her career. Applicants must have a PhD, MD or MD/PhD and be engaged in research at an academic institution, teaching hospital or research institute in their first, second or third year of postdoctoral training at the start of the fellowship term. The AFTD will award a two-year fellowship at \$ 55,000 per year. The funds are provided to cover the postdoctoral stipend and benefits. Remaining funds may be used for travel to scientific meetings and/or research expenses.

Letter of Intent (LOI)

An LOI must be received by November 14, 2104 (Instructions page 2)

Application

The full application is due by January 12, 2015 and must include a letter from the Principal Investigator (PI) sponsor (Instructions page 3-4)

Referee Letters

Letters of support from two independent referees are required and must be received by January 12, 2015 (Instructions page 5)



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Letter of Intent – Required Information

Due: November 14, 2014

Applicant

Name
Degrees (year and granting institution)
Title
Current Position
Institution
Address
Telephone
Email Address
Project Title
Signature of Applicant

PI Sponsor

PI Name
Title
Institution
Address
Telephone
Email Address
Signature of PI Sponsor

Sponsoring Institution

Name
Address
Telephone
Sponsoring Department
Signature and Title of Institutional Official



Fellowship Application Instructions Including PI Sponsor Letter

Due: January 12, 2015

The application must be submitted electronically as a PDF (single-spaced, 11 pt. Arial font and 0.5" margins) and include:

- **Cover page** (instructions page 4)
- **Personal statement** that addresses the applicant's current research projects, career goals and their interest in FTD research. Statement must be signed by the applicant (2 pages).
- **Two year research plan** must include:
 - Lay abstract (250 words)
 - Research proposal with title, scientific abstract, specific aims, background and significant preliminary data (if any), brief description of methods and references (4 pages)
 - If human subjects or animal subjects are included in the research, IRB/IACUC approval must be provided or notice that it is under review
 - Two year budget justification (indicating the full amount of the applicant's salary, the amount of this award that will go toward salary and benefits, a budget for any balance remaining, to total \$ 55,000 each year). Note: AFTD does not provide funding for indirect costs or capital costs. If salary and benefits exceed this award, the applicant must indicate source of supplemental funding.
 - Applicant's curriculum vitae
 - **Letter of sponsorship** from the PI with original signature (1 page)
 - Sponsor PI's curriculum vitae and funding
 - Letter to include statement from PI on a training plan for the candidate with a view to creating a productive, independent scientist

To be received separately, due January 12, 2015: letters of support, submitted electronically in PDF format from two referees with original signatures (instructions page 5)



Application Cover Page – Required Information

Application Due: January 12, 2015

Applicant

Name
Title
Current Position
Institution
Address
Telephone
Email Address

PI Sponsor

Name
Title
Institution
Address
Telephone
Email Address

Sponsoring Institution

Name
Address
Email Address
Telephone
Sponsoring Department
Signature and Title of Institutional Official
(with brief statement endorsing the institution's support for this individual as a candidate for the AFTD Postdoctoral Fellowship)

Are Human Subjects involved in the research? Yes/No _____
If yes, was the study protocol approved by the institution's IRB? Yes/No _____

Are Animal Subjects involved in the research? Yes/No _____
If yes, was the study protocol approved by the institution's IACUC? Yes/No _____

Applicant is a citizen of what country? _____
If the applicant is not a citizen of the country where the sponsoring institution is located, proof must be provided that the applicant will have a valid visa for the duration of the fellowship.



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Referee Support Letters

Due: January 12, 2015

Referee support letters must be submitted electronically in PDF format to:
fellowship@theaftd.org

The fellowship applicant is applying to The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) for an individual postdoctoral fellowship award. The purpose of this award is to provide support to promising applicants with the potential to become productive, independent investigators in FTD research.

1. Please put the name of the fellowship applicant at the top of the letter and the project title. Also, be sure to include your name and title in the letter, with original signature.
2. In two pages or less (PDF format), describe the qualities and potential of the fellowship applicant. This should include your evaluation with special reference to:
 - Research ability and potential to become an independent researcher
 - Adequacy of scientific and technical background
 - Quality of research endeavors including publications to date
 - Perseverance in pursuing goals
 - Evidence of originality

Referees may provide any additional, related comments that they believe will help reviewers evaluate the merit of the candidate's application.