



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### 2017 AFTD Pilot Grant for Basic Science Research

**Deadline for Applications: September 8, 2017**

AFTD Basic Science Pilot Grants provide seed funding for innovative research projects that expand our understanding of the biology or pathophysiology of frontotemporal degeneration (FTD). The FTD disorders include: behavioral variant FTD, primary progressive aphasia, progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal syndrome, and FTD-ALS/MND. Applications are welcome from investigators at not-for-profit institutions or biotechnology startup organizations. Pilot Grant funded projects are intended to generate data that will support follow-on grant applications to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or other public or private agencies.

Projects that involve human research subjects or therapeutic interventions are typically better suited to AFTD Clinical Research Pilot Grants. Refer to the [Request for Proposals: 2017 AFTD Clinical Research Pilot Grant](#) for more details. If you are unsure if your project is best suited to the Basic Science or the Clinical Research Pilot Grant, please contact the AFTD Scientific Director or Research Manager to discuss.

#### **Eligibility**

- New or early-stage investigators in the process of establishing an independent research program are invited to apply. (For NIH definitions of new and early-stage investigators, see: [https://grants.nih.gov/policy/new\\_investigators/index.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/policy/new_investigators/index.htm) ). More senior investigators are welcome to apply to AFTD's other research grant programs: <http://www.theaftd.org/research/funding-opportunities> .
- Principal investigators cannot be postdoctoral fellows unless confirmation is provided of a faculty appointment that will start no later than 3 months into the grant term (March 2018).
- Applications are welcomed from both US and international researchers.

#### **Grant Specifics**

- One Basic Science Pilot Grant will be awarded
- \$60,000 (US dollars), direct costs only
- 1-year duration, funding period January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
- PI salary may represent no more than 10% of the total budget
- The deadline for applications is **Friday, September 8, 2017, 11:59 pm EDT (US)**
- Notice of award will be made in December 2017

#### **Application Procedure**

- To request a 2017 Pilot Grant application packet, use the link on the AFTD website (<http://www.theaftd.org/research/funding-opportunities>) or contact Debra Niehoff, AFTD Research Manager, directly at [dniehoff@theaftd.org](mailto:dniehoff@theaftd.org).
- Completed applications should be submitted electronically to **[grants+pilot@theaftd.org](mailto:grants+pilot@theaftd.org)**.

- Applications will be reviewed confidentially by AFTD and an external Scientific Review Panel which includes members of the AFTD Medical Advisory Council. The AFTD Board, upon recommendation from the Review Panel, reserves the right to make final award determinations.

**Contact Information**

For more information contact:

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