



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

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### 2017 AFTD Susan Marcus Memorial Fund Pilot Grant for Clinical Research

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

AFTD Clinical Research Pilot Grants provide seed funding for innovative research projects in the preliminary stages of development with the potential to address the unmet medical needs 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 as well as for-profit organizations. Pilot Grant funded projects are intended to generate data to support follow-on grant applications to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or other public or private agencies.

Clinical Research Pilot Grants support projects utilizing human subjects and seeking to answer questions relevant to FTD clinical practice (diagnosis, progression, treatment, prevention). Examples of research topics suitable for Clinical Research Pilot Grants include, *but are not limited to*:

- Pharmacologic therapies (novel or repurposed)
- Genomics, genetics, epigenetics of FTD
- Brain networks, electrophysiology
- iPSC-FTD derived cell lines
- Application of bioinformatic tools and techniques to complex human FTD datasets

Projects focusing on neurobiological mechanisms of FTD are typically better suited to Basic Science Pilot Grants. Refer to the [Request for Proposals: 2017 AFTD Pilot Grant for Basic Science Research](#) for more details. If you are unsure whether your proposal 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/faculty 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 within the first 3 months of the grant term (March 2018).
- Applications are welcomed from US and international researchers.

#### **Grant Specifics**

- One Clinical Research Pilot Grant will be awarded
- \$60,000 (US dollars), direct costs only are supported
- 1-year duration, funding period January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
- PI salary may represent no more than 10% of total budget
- Deadline for applications is **Friday, September 8, 2017, 11:59pm 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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