

REVISED APPLICATION DEADLINE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2020 AFTD Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant New deadline for Applications: October 2, 2020

AFTD Pilot Grants provide seed funding for innovative, early-stage research projects with the potential to increase understanding and improve the diagnosis or treatment of frontotemporal degeneration (FTD) across the full spectrum of FTD disorders: behavioral variant FTD, primary progressive aphasia, progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal syndrome, and FTD-ALS. Pilot Grant-funded projects are intended to generate data that will support follow-on funding applications to the National Institutes of Health or other public or private agencies.

The Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant supports projects that seek to develop *non-pharmacological*, evidence-based interventions for improving daily quality of life for people living with FTD and their families, mitigating caregiver burden, or advancing person-centered approaches to FTD care in out-of-home settings. *Proposals that focus on strategies to support telemedicine or assist caregivers in meeting the unique challenges imposed by the emergence of COVID-19 are especially encouraged.*

Examples of research areas suitable for the Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant include (*but are not limited to*)

- Interventions to alleviate symptoms or support cognitive, behavioral, language, or movement functionality, resulting in an improved quality of life for persons diagnosed with an FTD disorder
- Novel technologies or technology-assisted approaches to facilitate remote diagnosis and clinical care
- Development and validation of remote monitoring, symptom-tracking technologies such as clinical grade apps, biosensors, or wearables
- Caregiver interventions to promote psychological or physical health and well-being
- Interventions to alleviate the impact of infection-control measures such as social distancing or changes in/access to support services
- Lifestyle modification strategies addressing FTD concerns that can be utilized in home or in out-of-home settings
- Collaborative care approaches integrating home care with treatment provided in the clinical setting
- Proposals that specifically target the needs of under-served or under-represented minority populations living with FTD

Grant Specifics

- One Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant will be awarded in 2020.
- \$60,000 (US dollars), direct costs only
- One-year duration (Dates TBD)

- The combined allocation for PI salary and benefits should not exceed 10% of the total budget (\$6,000 maximum)
- **The revised application deadline is Friday, October 2, 2020, 5:00 pm ET.**

Eligibility

- The Principal Investigator submitting the proposal must have a faculty appointment or medical residency at a not-for-profit institution or be employed in an equivalent position in a for-profit organization.
- The PI should be a new or early-stage researcher in the process of establishing an independent research program (For NIH definitions of new and early-stage investigators, see: https://grants.nih.gov/policy/new_investigators/index.htm). Senior researchers may also be eligible if they are collaborating with one or more new/early-stage investigators; please contact AFTD to discuss.
- Postdoctoral researchers are not eligible to apply unless they can provide a letter of employment verifying they will have a faculty position at the assistant professor level or the equivalent by the beginning of the funding period (July 1, 2020).
- Applicants who are new to the FTD field and/or do not have clinical research experience are strongly encouraged to provide a letter of support from a clinical mentor with FTD diagnosis/treatment expertise.
- US and international researchers are eligible to apply.

Application Procedure

- Detailed instructions for completing the Pilot Grant application can be found on the [AFTD website](#). These instructions include AFTD's policy on resource sharing and the publication of funded research.
- AFTD has transitioned to an online submission portal, also accessed on the AFTD website. If you are using the portal for the first time, begin the application process by following the instructions on the portal homepage to create an account. **All Pilot Grant applications made in response to this RFP must utilize the portal and be submitted by the indicated deadline to be considered for funding.**
- Applications will be reviewed confidentially by AFTD and an external Scientific Review Panel which includes members of the AFTD Medical Advisory Council. The Research Committee of the AFTD Board of Directors, upon recommendation from the Review Panel, reserves the right to make final award determinations.

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