

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2021 AFTD Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant

Deadline for Applications: October 29, 2021

AFTD Pilot Grants provide seed funding for novel research in the initial phase of development across the full spectrum of FTD disorders (behavioral variant FTD, primary progressive aphasia, progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal syndrome, and FTD-ALS) by early-stage researchers. Pilot Grants advance the careers of new investigators focused on FTD and generate data that will be the basis for follow-on funding applications to government funders or other public or private agencies.

The Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant supports research to develop non-pharmacological interventions for improving the 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 utilize telemedicine/digital technologies or that address the needs of under-served or historically excluded populations 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.
- Development and validation of remote monitoring technologies such as apps, biosensors, or wearables or technology-assisted approaches to diagnosis and clinical care.
- Caregiver interventions to promote psychological or physical health and well-being.
- Interventions to improve access to support services.
- Lifestyle modification strategies addressing FTD concerns that can be utilized in home or out-of-home settings.
- Collaborative care approaches for integrating home care with treatment provided in the clinical setting.

Grant Specifics

- **The deadline for applications is Friday, October 29, 2021, 5:00 pm ET.**
- One Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant will be awarded in 2021, with notification in February 2022 and an award start date in spring 2022.
- \$60,000 (US dollars), direct costs only.
- The combined allocation for PI salary and benefits should not exceed 10% of the total budget (\$6,000 maximum).
- 1-year grant duration.

Eligibility

- The Principal Investigator (PI) submitting the proposal must have a faculty appointment or equivalent position at a research institution.
- 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 that they will have a faculty position at the assistant professor level or the equivalent by the beginning of the funding period.
- 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 utilizes an online submission portal, also accessed on the AFTD website. If you are using the portal for the first time, follow the instructions on the portal homepage to create an account and begin the application process. **All Pilot Grant applications must be submitted through the portal 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 and other experts. The Research Committee of the AFTD Board of Directors will make final award determinations upon recommendation from the Scientific Review Panel.

For questions on the application process and logistics, contact:

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