REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2023 AFTD Holloway Postdoctoral Fellowships
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Application deadline: February 17, 2023
Funding period: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025

AFTD Holloway Postdoctoral Fellowships, established in 2021 with support from the Holloway Family Fund, will provide $60,000 (US)/year for two years to support innovative research on frontotemporal degeneration (FTD) by outstanding postdoctoral scientists.

AFTD prioritizes the most promising talent and science wherever they are found. Therefore, both US and international postdoctoral investigators are eligible to apply for AFTD Holloway Postdoctoral Fellowships.

AFTD Holloway Postdoctoral Fellowships will support projects across the full spectrum of FTD disorders (behavioral variant FTD, primary progressive aphasia, progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal degeneration, and FTD-ALS). Specific areas of need include the following; however, projects may address any area of FTD research: basic, translational, or clinical as well as projects focused on FTD-related outcomes research and public health.

- Cellular and molecular mechanisms implicated in FTD pathogenesis;
- Novel models that recapitulate the pathology and/or clinical phenotype of FTD, with consideration of ethological validity;
- Emergent technologies to (1) improve diagnosis, (2) monitor disease progression, (3) treat symptoms and/or underlying disease, (4) support caregivers;
- Bioinformatic or other computational biology approaches
- Fluid, imaging, or digital biomarker discovery/development; and
- Understanding and addressing health disparities and the needs of populations underrepresented in FTD research.

Who Can Apply

- Applicants worldwide with a PhD and/or MD (or similar doctorate degree) engaged in postdoctoral research at an academic institution, teaching hospital, or nonprofit research institute.
- Current PhD candidates who will begin a postdoctoral appointment at a not-for-profit institution by no later than July 1, 2023.
- An applicant’s postdoctoral appointment must extend through the full 2-year funding period. Typically, applicants will be entering the first, second, or third year of their postdoctoral appointment at the start of the fellowship term.
- Researchers holding temporary or permanent staff scientist positions are not eligible.

Fellowship Specifics

- Up to 2 Holloway Postdoctoral Fellowships will be awarded in 2023
- 2-year duration; funding period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025
• $60,000 (US)/year; $120,000 total
• Funds are primarily intended to cover a recipient’s salary and benefits. Other expenses, such as travel to scientific meetings, research expenses, project-related publication costs, or support for technical staff may be considered, but must be itemized and justified in the proposed budget.
• Direct costs only

**AFTD-Target ALS Collaboration to Access Core Resources**
Through a cooperative arrangement with AFTD, Target ALS, a nonprofit organization committed to advancing research on the related neurodegenerative disorder amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is extending access to its core facilities for post-mortem brain tissue, human stem cells, and viral vectors to AFTD postdoctoral fellows and will cover most of the associated costs. Core resources utilized by an AFTD postdoctoral fellow who transitions to an independent investigator position will transfer with that fellow. Additional information on accessing Target ALS core resources to support relevant research projects can be found in the application instructions.

**Application procedure**
• Detailed instructions for completing the fellowship application can be found on the AFTD website. These instructions include AFTD’s policy on resource sharing, data sharing, and the publication of funded research.
• AFTD utilizes an online submission portal, which can also be 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 Holloway Postdoctoral Fellowship applications made in response to this RFP must utilize the portal and be submitted by Friday, February 17, 2023, 8:00 pm ET to be considered for funding.**
• The application must include a curriculum vitae and letter of sponsorship from the applicant’s faculty mentor that describes the training plan developed for the funding period and its relevance to the applicant’s future career plans.
• The application must also include two letters of support from independent referees familiar with the applicant’s background and scientific accomplishments.
• Applications will be reviewed confidentially by AFTD and an external Scientific Review Panel that 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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