



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2024 AFTD Holloway Postdoctoral Fellowships

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Application deadline: January 12, 2024

Funding period: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026

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 worldwide.

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 basic, translational, or clinical FTD research 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 with a PhD and/or MD (or similar doctorate degree) engaged in postdoctoral research at an academic institution, teaching hospital, or nonprofit research institute.
- **Both U.S. and international postdoctoral investigators are eligible.**
- Current PhD candidates who will begin a postdoctoral appointment at a not-for-profit institution no later than July 1, 2024.
- An applicant's postdoctoral appointment must extend through the full 2-year funding period. Applicants may be entering the first, second, or third year of their postdoctoral appointment at the start of the fellowship term, provided the remaining appointment period meets this criterion.
- Researchers holding temporary or permanent staff scientist positions are not eligible.

AFTD is committed to increasing the diversity of the scientific workforce and encourages applications by researchers from underrepresented or historically excluded populations.

Fellowship Specifics

- Up to 2 Holloway Postdoctoral Fellowships will be awarded in 2024
- 2-year duration; funding period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026
- \$60,000 (US)/year; \$120,000 total

- Funds should be used to cover a recipient's stipend/salary and benefits. Alternative allocation of funds (e.g., project-related travel or research expenses) may be considered but must be itemized and justified in the proposed budget. Should institutional salary requirements exceed the \$60,000 provided annually by the fellowship, supplemental funds may be used to bridge this gap. However, Holloway Fellowship recipients cannot hold two fellowships or grants concurrently and must spend the majority of their time on the research funded through the fellowship.
- 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 policies on data and resource sharing as well as 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, January 12, 2024, 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. The Research Committee of the AFTD Board of Directors, upon recommendation from the Review Panel, reserves the right to make final award determinations.

For questions on the application materials or the submission portal, contact:

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