

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant

Deadline for applications: November 17, 2025

AFTD Pilot Grants provide seed funding to advance innovative research across the full spectrum of FTLT disorders (behavioral variant FTD, primary progressive aphasia, progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal syndrome, and FTD-ALS). Pilot Grants are intended to enable the acquisition of data that will be the basis for follow-on grant applications to other funders.

The Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant supports research to improve the well-being of persons diagnosed, families, and caregivers and to improve access to equitable, high-quality diagnosis, care, support, and research participation options.

Examples of suitable research topics include *but are not limited to*:

- Development and testing of
 - Nonpharmacologic interventions to relieve symptoms or improve functionality
 - Interventions to promote caregiver health, well-being, or understanding
 - Interdisciplinary and neuropsychiatric care approaches as well as other novel strategies for improving clinical care outcomes
 - Strategies for adapting interventions developed in other neurodegenerative disease spaces (such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, or ALS) for use in FTD
 - Interventions to reduce inequity in access to diagnosis, care, or support services
 - Interventions to improve the well-being of research participants and to improve the equity of access to research participation
- Research on social determinants of health in FTD, particularly the factors underlying disparities in access to FTD diagnosis and care
- Health economic and outcomes research focused on FTD

Grant Specifics

- The deadline for applications is **Monday, November 17, 2025, 8:00 pm ET**.
- One Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant will be awarded, with notifications in February 2026 and an award start date in spring 2026.
- Award amount \$110,000 (USD). Up to \$10,000 of this amount may be applied to indirect costs.
- The combined allocation for PI salary and benefits should not exceed 10% of the total budget (\$11,000 maximum).
- 1-year grant duration.

Eligibility

- The intent of this program is to encourage new research focused on well-being in FTD and enable the acquisition of data that will be the basis for follow-on grant applications to other funders. Investigators with substantial funding (e.g., RO1) already secured for the proposed topic will likely not be competitive.

- The Principal Investigator (PI) submitting the proposal must have a faculty appointment or an equivalent position at a nonprofit/academic research institution.
- Investigators at all career stages are eligible. However, early-career investigators (as [defined by the NIH](#)) are especially encouraged to apply. Collaborations between senior and early-career investigators are also welcomed.
- Postdoctoral researchers and clinical fellows are not eligible to apply unless they can provide a letter of employment verifying they will begin a faculty position at, or equivalent to, an assistant professor level by the beginning of the funding period in spring 2026. Fellows are instead encouraged to review AFTD's annual [Holloway Scholars programs](#), including the Holloway Postdoctoral Fellowships and the Clinical Research Training Scholarship in FTD.
- US and international researchers are eligible to apply.

AFTD encourages applications by researchers from underrepresented or historically excluded populations.

Application Procedure

- Detailed instructions for completing the Pilot Grant application can be found on the AFTD website. These instructions include AFTD's policies on resource sharing, data 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 experts across the breadth of eligible research fields. 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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