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AFTD Pilot Grants

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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). Pilot Grants aid recipients in generating data that will be the basis for follow-on funding applications to government funders or other public or private agencies.

AFTD funds two types of Pilot Grants:

- **Pathways for Hope Pilot Grants** – These grants support both [basic research](#) on the neurobiological mechanisms underlying FTD and [translational research](#) to improve clinical practice or advance biomarker and drug development. This Pilot Grant category is limited to [early-stage investigators](#).
- **Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grants** – These grants support 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. This Pilot Grant category is open to [early-career](#) as well as more [senior researchers](#).

Award Details (All Pilot Grant Categories)

- **Funding period:** 1 year
- **Amount of award (USD):** \$110,000
- **Application of funds:** Up to \$10,000 of the total award amount can be allocated to indirect costs

Who can apply?

All applicants:

- Must have a faculty appointment or an equivalent position at a nonprofit/academic research institution.
- U.S. and international researchers.
- Postdoctoral fellows cannot be Pilot Grant PIs unless they can confirm a faculty appointment beginning by the start of the funding period in April 2024.
- Fellows are encouraged to review AFTD's Holloway Postdoctoral Fellowship (<https://www.theaftd.org/for-researchers/funding-opportunities/aftd-fellowships/#Holloway%20Postdoctoral%20Fellowship>) or the Clinical Research Training Scholarship (<https://www.theaftd.org/for-researchers/funding-opportunities/aftd-fellowships/#Clinical%20Research%20Training%20Scholarship>) AFTD supports in partnership with the American Brain Foundation and the American Academy of Neurology.

Pathways for Hope Pilot Grant only:

- Applicants must be new or early-stage investigators in the process of establishing an independent research career

Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant only:

- Investigators at all career stages are eligible; however, early-career investigators are especially encouraged to apply.
- Collaborations between senior and early-career investigators are also welcomed.

View the 2023 Pathways for Hope RFP here. (/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-Pathways-for-Hope-RFP_Samantha-DeMarco.pdf)

View the 2023 Well-Being in FTD RFP here. (/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-Well-Being-in-FTD-RFP_Samantha-DeMarco.pdf)

Timeline: 2022 Pilot Grants (both categories)

- **Application deadline:** Friday, December 8, 2023, 8:00 pm ET
- **Notification of awards:** February-March 2024
- **Award start date:** April 2024

AFTD Application Submission Portal

Click here (<https://webportalapp.com/sp/aftd>) to create an account and complete a profile.

General Instructions for Applicants

Click here (/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-Pilot-Grant-general-application-instructions-10.22.pdf) to download instructions to help you as you apply for an AFTD Pilot Grant.

For more information, please contact AFTD at research@theaftd.org (mailto:research@theaftd.org) or 267-758-8654.

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