



CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE
FOUNDATION, INC.
Supporting Families Affected by Prion Disease

Request for 2026-27 Grant Applications

The Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Foundation is pleased to announce a Call for New Grant Applications for research projects relating to human prion diseases. Two types of grants will be awarded for human prion disease research:

- One-year grants of up to \$50,000
- Two-year grants of up to \$100,000

Projects may be focused on pathophysiology, molecular mechanisms, cell and animal disease models, diagnostics, clinical and translational research, studies identifying treatment targets or biomarkers, genetics, bioinformatics, or other areas related to human prion diseases.

Time schedule

- **Deadline for receipt of Letters of Intent: July 16, 2026**
- Applicants selected to submit a full Grant Application will be notified by: September 30, 2026
- If advised to submit a full Grant Application, deadline is October 30, 2026
- Awards communicated to recipients by: January 15, 2027
- Awards announced by: January 27, 2027
- Research projects are expected to be completed in one year or two years (depending on the type of grant award) from notification of the award
- A progress report is due at one year and at eighteen months (for one-year grants) and at eighteen months and two years (for two-year grants) from date of the award

Grant Terms and Amounts

- Only one application per Principal Investigator may be submitted.
- By accepting the grant, the applicant agrees to present a report at the CJD Foundation's Annual Family Conference in July 2028. The Foundation will cover the cost of the speaker's registration, lodging, and meals. The speaker will cover the cost of transportation to and from the conference from the funds awarded.
- The following grants will be awarded for human prion disease research:
 - One or more grants: One-year grant of up to \$50,000
 - One or more grants: Two-year grant of up to \$100,000
- No grants will be awarded for projects that have been funded in a preceding year, and precedence will be given to new projects.

Scoring Criteria

1. Innovation and scientific excellence of the project
2. Relevance and impact to human prion diseases
3. Expertise of the investigator(s) in the field of the proposed research

Application Process

A one-page Letter of Intent briefly describing items A-E of the proposed project is required. The Grant Application should *not* be included with the Letter of Intent. The letter should be sent by email to:

Debbie Yobs, President/Executive Director, CJD Foundation

Debbie@CJDFoundation.org

Subject line: CJDF Grant Application, Applicant's Name

Please ensure you have received a receipt within 48 hours of submitting. If you have not received a response, please verify receipt by email or phone. Letters of Intent will be evaluated by the Foundation's Scientific Advisory Committee by September 30, 2026. If a project is selected for further evaluation, a full Grant Application will then be requested by the Advisory Committee.

The Letter of Intent and Grant Application should be **single-spaced, in Arial 11 or equivalent font, with margins not less than .5 inches. Documents MUST meet the page count restrictions indicated. Please do not include a cover page.**

Letter of Intent (no more than ONE page)

- A. Project Title
- B. Principal Investigator (PI) name, direct collaborators, and full affiliation (10 lines max)
- C. Objectives of Study (10 lines max.)
- D. Relevance to human prion diseases (1/2 page max.)
- E. Include at least one paragraph that describes the project in layman's terms

Grant Application (no more than FOUR and a half pages)

- A. Project Title
- B. Principal Investigator (PI) name, direct collaborators, and full affiliation (10 lines max)
- C. Specific Aims
- D. Methods and experimental design (1 page max)
- E. Feasibility and preliminary data (if available) (1/2 page max)
- F. Relevance to human prion diseases (1/2 page max)
- G. Expertise of the PI in the field of the proposed research (5 lines max)
- H. References (relevant references only; less than one page)
- I. Estimate of study duration
- J. Budget (up to \$50,000 for one-year study or up to \$100,000 for two-year study)
- K. List of funding from other sources must include a statement that excludes overlap with the present proposal
- L. Data sharing policy: Funding for CJD Foundation grants comes from families affected by CJD and their communities. It is of paramount importance to these donors that any data developed through the grant become available for sharing at the appropriate point (when published). Please provide a one-paragraph description of your data sharing plan. (1/2 page max)

Note: The budget may not contain administrative overhead or indirect cost and should be prepared in U.S. dollars. Postdoctoral fellowship salaries cannot be simultaneously awarded through a research grant and a postdoctoral fellowship grant.