



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2022 Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant

New for 2022 – Changes to scope, award amount, indirect policy, and application deadline

Deadline for applications: November 11, 2022

AFTD Pilot Grants provide seed funding to advance the careers of early-stage investigators focused on the full spectrum of FTLD disorders (behavioral variant FTD, primary progressive aphasia, progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal syndrome, and FTD-ALS). Pilot Grants support recipients in developing an independent research program and generating data that will be the basis for follow-on funding 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

Projects addressing basic science or translational research topics are more appropriate for the Pathways for Hope Pilot Grant. View the 2022 RFP for this Pilot Grant category [here](#). If you are unsure which Pilot Grant category is best suited to your project, please contact the AFTD Director of Research and Grants.

Grant Specifics – note changes for 2022

- The deadline for applications is **Friday, November 11, 2022, 8:00 pm ET**.
- One Well-Being in FTD Pilot Grant will be awarded, with notifications in January 2023 and an award start date in spring 2023.

- 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 (\$6,000 maximum).
- 1-year grant duration.

Eligibility

- The Principal Investigator (PI) submitting the proposal must have a faculty appointment or an equivalent position at a nonprofit/academic research institution.
- The PI should be a new or early-stage researcher. AFTD follows the NIH definitions of new and early-stage investigators, see: https://grants.nih.gov/policy/new_investigators/index.htm). Senior researchers can serve as co-PIs on an application submitted in collaboration with a PI who is a new/early-stage investigator; please contact AFTD's Director of Research and Grants to discuss.
- 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, the assistant professor level by the beginning of the funding period in spring 2023. 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 is committed to increasing the diversity of the scientific workforce and 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 members of the AFTD Medical Advisory Council and other 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.

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