

Grant Opportunities

The Alpha-1 Foundation (A1F) is the world's #1 funder of Alpha-1 research, including Alpha-1 related lung and liver disease.



Grants from the Alpha-1 Foundation support rigorous scientific research to advance Alpha-1 treatment and care and draw us closer to a cure. A1F also funds research into ethical, legal, and social issues impacting people with genetic conditions.

2026 – 2027 In-Cycle Grants Award Program

The Alpha-1 Foundation Grants Award Program funds a wide range of meritorious research efforts designed to improve the health of individuals with AAT Deficiency with the ultimate goal of finding a cure.

A1F accepts and reviews Letter of Intent (LOI) submissions during the beginning of our annual grant cycle and selected LOIs are invited to submit a full proposal.

Grants are awarded in the following categories:

John W. Walsh Career Development

Up to \$100,000 per year for a three-year period (total maximum award: \$300,000)

Objective: Encourage the development/testing of new hypotheses/new methods in AATD-relevant research.

Pilot and Feasibility

Up to \$75,000 for a one-year period (total maximum award: \$75,000)

Objective: Encourage the development/testing of new hypotheses/new methods in AATD-relevant research.

Clinical Pilot

Up to \$75,000 for Up to \$75,000 for a one-year period (total maximum award: \$75,000) one-year period

Objective: Support projects involving human subjects that will develop and test new

Objective: Support postdoctoral research fellows starting their research careers in laboratories of established researchers or those conducting research under AATD senior researchers

Research

Up to \$100,000 per year for a two-year period (total maximum award: \$200,000); or for 2 PI proposals, up to \$100,000 per year per institution (total maximum award: \$400,000)*

Objective: Encourage the development of novel concepts to better understand the basic biology of alpha-1 antitrypsin expression and the pathogenesis/management of AAT Deficiency.

*For 2 Principal Investigators' research grants, applicants are encouraged to use a team science approach to develop new information that contributes to understanding the basic biology of alpha-1 antitrypsin expression and the pathogenesis/management of AAT Deficiency.

Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues Relating to AAT Deficiency

Objective: Encourage the development of new information that contributes to the understanding of bioethical, legal, economic, and/or social issues associated with AAT Deficiency. Applicants may submit an ELSI proposal as a Pilot and Feasibility Grant, Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Grant, or Research Grant

Scientific Meeting Sponsorship:

Up to \$5,000

Objective: Support scientific meetings, workshops, or conferences relevant to AAT Deficiency and Foundation's mission.

Travel Grants:

Up to \$1,000

1. Objective: Support travel to attend national and international scientific conferences or meetings to present AAT-related abstracts or
2. Objective: Support cross-training at an established Alpha-1 laboratory by an established Alpha-1 investigator

Please note that the Alpha-1 Foundation does not accept LOIs or grant applications from pharmaceutical companies, biotechs, or industry for its in-cycle grants programs. These entities may not be collaborators on any proposals. If you have any questions or require additional information about these resources, please contact Vanessa Valencia, Grants Administration Manager, via email at vvalencia@alpha1.org.

Apply for an In-Cycle Grant

All grant applications must be submitted on [ProposalCentral](#)

Date	Milestone
July 2026	New In-Cycle Grant Announcement
September 25, 2026	Letter of Intent due to A1F
November 27, 2026	Letter of Intent notification of invitations to submit grant applications
February 12, 2027	Grant applications are due to A1F
April 2027	Applicants notified of funding decision

For information about the 2026-2027 In-Cycle Grants Program, please contact Vanessa Valencia, Grants Administration Manager, at vvalencia@alpha1.org or [1-877-228-7321, ext. 242](tel:1-877-228-7321)

Inquiries or technical issues regarding ProposalCentral, and the online application process should be directed to consumer support at:

Phone: [1-703-964-5840](tel:1-703-964-5840), Toll-free phone: [1-800-875-2562](tel:1-800-875-2562)

Email: pcsupport@altum.com

Live customer support is only available from 8:30am – 5:00pm ET

Out-of-Cycle Grants Program

Our Out-of-Cycle Grants Program offers opportunities to investigators who have large clinical projects that need support. The Alpha-1 Foundation initiates Out-of-Cycle opportunities on a yearly basis.

Interested researchers must contact the A1F before applying for an Out-of-Cycle grant. Please contact Vanessa Valencia, Grants Administration Manager, at vvalencia@alpha1.org, or at [1-877-228-7321 ext.242](tel:1-877-228-7321)

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