About FARA's Research Program

FARA supports research through funding competitive grants across the spectrum from basic research through drug development and clinical research programs in Friedreich's Ataxia (FA). We promote collaboration among scientists, advocate for public-private partnerships and host open forums for leading scientists to share their insights and ideas to advance therapeutic development for FA.

FARA's Grant types, Deadlines, and Budget Limits are described in the table below. You can view special interest requests for proposals (RFPs) and other grant program updates and announcements here.

All investigators interested in FA-related research are invited to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) through our submission portal. All proposed research must fall within FARA's Grant Program Priorities. For more information on how to apply for a FARA grant, click here.

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<td>+ General Research Grant</td>
<td>Feb 15, Aug 15</td>
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<td>$125,000 per year for 1 or 2 years</td>
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<td>+ Award for Innovative Mindset (AIM)</td>
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Newly awarded grants

**Gene & Stem Cell Therapy**
- Changfan Lin, PhD - Caltech
  Engineering adeno-associated viral vectors to evade immune responses

**Mechanism or Pathway of Disease**
- Sarah Robinson-Thiessow, PhD - St. Jude
  Children's Research Hospital
  Illuminating how SygDNAs liberate gene expression from heterochromatin

- Anna Stepanova, PhD - Weill Cornell Medical College
  Calcium communication among intracellular compartments in FA patient-derived cells

**Outcome Measures & Biomarkers**
- David Lynch, MD, PhD - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
  Understanding ketogenesis in FRDA: Pathophysiology, biomarkers and nutritional therapies

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The FARA forum webinars
The FARA Forum is a monthly webinar featuring investigators who have been awarded FARA grants. The webinar is open to FARA grant awardees and it is held on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information contact liz.soragni@curefa.org

September 13, 2022
12:00PM ET Erin Seifert, Thomas Jefferson University

October 11, 2022
12:00PM ET Damon Feng, Watts Lab, UMass Medical School

COVID-19 emergency:
If you have been awarded a FARA grant, we will continue to request progress reports as they are due. If your work has been impacted by the COVID-19 emergency – for example if milestones could not be met or no work at all could be performed – we ask you to provide an explanation of how the COVID-19 emergency has impacted your research. We are also requesting that you inform FARA of what actions and measures are needed to assist you in restoring and reestablishing your research. We realize that there may be requests for re-budgeting and no-cost extensions and these decisions will be made on a case by case basis, FARA is implementing a maximum flexibility approach, to meet the needs of our research community and help its recovery.

Please contact us at grants@curefa.org (mailto:grants@curefa.org) or liz.soragni@curefa.org (mailto:liz.soragni@curefa.org), at any time if you have questions or concerns.

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