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Grant and Postdoctoral Fellowship Application

Apply for Postdoctoral Fellowship or Research Grant

The Huntington's Disease Foundation accepts Letters of Intent (LOIs) for Postdoctoral Fellowships and Grants every year. HDF provides funding for researchers to advance the discovery and development of treatments for Huntington's disease and other brain diseases.

Overview of Application Process

The process of applying for funding for either a Postdoctoral Fellowship or a Research Grant starts with an applicant's submission of an LOI through ProposalCentral (<https://proposalcentral.com/GrantOpportunities.asp?GMID=262>) **between July 15, 2025 and September 3, 2025**. On ProposalCentral, click 'Apply Now' to begin your LOI.

LOIs should have a direct application to Huntington's disease (*Max 500 words/3500 characters. Text only. No special characters or formatting*). All LOIs related to Huntington's disease are reviewed by a committee comprised of members of the SAB, who independently review and score each LOI. Only the LOIs that the SAB review committee considers the most impactful will have a full application requested.

HDF funds Research Grants and Postdoctoral Fellowships at the post-graduate level. HDF grant and fellowship applicants must present a specific research plan. Please read the FAQs (<https://hdfoundation.org/grant-and-postdoctoral-fellowship-application/#faq>) below before proceeding.

Postdoctoral Fellowship

These fellowships are intended to cultivate interest in Huntington's disease research by encouraging promising early career scientists (postdocs or up to 7 years past completion of PhD). HDF awards two-year fellowships of up to \$100,000 per year. Beginning with the 2023 funding cycle, fellowships will be funded for a maximum of 2 years in total funding. Awarded postdoctoral researchers cannot apply for additional postdoctoral funding.

Research Grants

Grants provide more experienced researchers with seed funding to enable them to collect the preliminary data needed to obtain major, long-term funding from other organizations, including the National Institutes of Health. The Huntington's Disease Foundation awards one-year grants of up to \$100,000. With (1) evidence of substantial progress and clear, compelling rationales for continuation; (2) a written request by the grantee for year extension of the project as part of the grant progress report; and (3) competitive review by the HDF review committee, a subset of grants may be selected for the renewal for an additional year of funding of up to \$100,000 (maximum possibility of one year renewal).

Key dates for 2026 applications

Letter of Intent Submission Dates

July 15, 2025 – September 3, 2025 (BY 11:59 PM ET)

Invitation to Submit Full Application

October 17, 2025

Application Deadline

December 2, 2025 (BY 11:59 PM ET)

Funding Decision

February, 2026

Start Date

March-April, 2026

Key dates for 2027 applications

Letter of Intent Submission Dates

August 17, 2026 – October 1, 2026 (BY 11:59 PM ET)

Invitation to Submit Full Application

November 19, 2026

Application Deadline

January 6, 2027 (BY 11:59 PM ET)

Funding Decision

Late February, 2027

Start Date

March-April, 2027