



ULF Research Grant Program

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Instructions for the ULF Research Grant Program

Each year, the ULF welcomes researchers from around the world to submit their research project proposals for funding consideration.

Requirements for 2026:

The principal investigator must meet the following criteria:

- Completion of terminal degree or training (MD, PhD, residency or fellowship, etc.) within the previous 6 years (unless other mitigating circumstances such as parental leave or illness; please contact the ULF with questions);
- Not a current or previous recipient of an R01 or equivalent award;
- Has an independent position at their institution;
- At an academic or equivalent institution.

The application:

- Must use size 11 font (Times or Arial) or larger;
- Margins must be 0.5' or larger.

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Applications involving leukodystrophy research with budgets up to \$30,000 (plus up to 10% indirect costs) are welcome to apply. The ULF Medical and Scientific Advisory Board will review applications for scientific merit, feasibility, and likelihood to advance the field. Funding will be awarded by the end of December for utilization during the following calendar year.

To apply: Complete the Research Grant Application and submit it electronically to office@ulf.org by 11:59 pm on August 12th.

Funded investigators will be expected to present their research at a future ULF Scientific Symposium in the Chicago, Illinois area.

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ULF-Funded Research Projects

\$ 871,452
in grant money
awarded to date

34 Projects Supported



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Global Impact, projects are funded domestically & internationally

The ULF began funding research projects in 2010. So far, the ULF has funded over \$871,000 in leukodystrophy research projects. Thanks to a generous donation from Hugo and Ann Moser, we were able to establish an endowment that generates the funds that we allocate for research every year.

If you make a donation to the foundation that is “**research restricted**,” this is where your funds go! Every year, we take a look at how much has been donated to the research endowment (general or specific leuko) to guide where the funds accurately.

*Project funds with an asterisk designate a project that was funded with donations specifically allocated for that type of leukodystrophy.

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YEAR	RESEARCHER	INSTITUTION	LD TYPE	AMOUNT
2025	Jun Xie	UMass Chan Medical School	Hypomyelination with atrophy of the basal ganglia and cerebellum (H-ABC)	\$33,000
2024	Ann Moser	Kennedy Krieger Institute	Various	\$20,000
2024	Jamie L. Fraser	Children’s National Hospital	Leukoencephalopathy with Calcifications and Cysts (LCC)	\$20,000
2024	Assumpció Bosch	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	MLC	\$33,000
2023	Daniel Segal	Tel-Aviv University	Krabbe	\$33,000

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2023	Marjo van der Knaap	Amsterdam UMC	VWM	\$30,000*
2023	Ann Moser	Kennedy Krieger Institute	Various	\$20,000
2022	Cristina Cereda	ASST Fatebenefratelli Sacco, "V. Buzzi" Children's Hospital	AGS	\$33,000
2022	Ann Moser	Kennedy Krieger Institute	Various	\$20,000
2022	Marjo van der Knaap	Amsterdam UMC	VWM	\$31,940*
2021	Vivi Heine	Amsterdam UMC	Cerebral ALD (cALD)	\$30,000*
2021	Marjo van der Knaap	Amsterdam UMC	VWM	\$38,000*
2020	Akshata Almad	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Aicardi-Goutieres Syndrome	\$33,000
2020	Thomas Durcan	McGill University	Vanishing White Matter	\$16,500
2020	Keith Van Haren	Stanford University Medical Center	Cerebral ALD (cALD)	\$16,500
2019	Amer Alam	University of Minnesota	ALD	\$33,000
2019	Joshua Bonkowsky	University of Utah	ALD	\$13,000*
2019	Markus Hofer	University of Sydney, Australia	AGS	\$33,000
2019	Paul Watkins	Kennedy Krieger Institute	ALD	\$8,671*



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2018	Alessandro Michienzi	University of Rome, Italy	AGS	\$33,000	
2018	Amy Waldman	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Alexander Disease	\$33,000	
2017	Ernesto Bongarzone	University of IL at Chicago	Krabbe	\$33,000	
2017	Reena Kartha	University of MN	ALD	\$15,000*	
2017	Mark Sands	Washington University (Kansas)	Various	\$33,000	
2017	Natasha Snider	University of NC at Chapel Hill	Alexander Disease	\$33,000	
2016	Tracy Hagemann	University of WI	Alexander Disease	\$33,000	
2016	Quasar Padiath	University of Pittsburgh	ADLD	\$33,000	
2016	Deborah Renaud	Mayo Clinic	AMN	\$3,841	
2015	Adeline Vanderver	Children's National Health System	Various	\$20,000	
2015	Weston Mille	University of MN	ALD	\$6,000	
2015	Ian Duncan	University of WI	PMD	\$35,000	
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2014	Fabrice Dabertrand	UVM College of Medicine	CADASIL	\$25,000	
2010	Phyllis Faust	Columbia University	Zellweger	\$5,000	
2009	Andrea DeBarber	Oregon Health & Science University	Cerebrotendinous Xanthomatosis (CTX)	\$21,261	
2009				\$8,018	

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2008	Andrea DeBarber	Oregon Health & Science University	Cerebrotendinous Xanthomatosis (CTX)	\$20,664
2006	Hugo Moser	Kennedy Krieger Institute	Various	\$10,100
2005	Hugo Moser	Kennedy Krieger Institute	Various	\$10,000
2004	Reuben Matalon	University of Texas Medical	Various	\$75,000
2002	David Wenger	Jefferson Medical College		\$8,319
2002	John Barranger	Molecular Genetics Laboratory University of Pittsburgh		\$2,600
2001	Anne Johnson	Albert Einstein College of Medicine		\$5,100
2001	John Barranger	Molecular Genetics Laboratory University of Pittsburgh		\$16,200
1996	M.E. Hodes	Indiana University School of Medicine		\$29,891
1996	Anne Johnson	Albert Einstein College of Medicine		\$13,600
1996	John Barranger	Molecular Genetics Laboratory University of Pittsburgh		\$29,600



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