

# 1FLORIDA ADRC

## **1Florida Alzheimer's Disease Research Center -- Call for Pilot Proposals**

ADRC Seed Monies Grant Program

Funding Period: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

**Introduction:** One of the missions of the 1Florida Alzheimer Disease Research Center (ADRC) is to fund pilot grants to stimulate new and innovative research relevant to Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Research proposals can span the spectrum-across basic, clinical, translational, and health care outcomes and policy research, with particular attention given to novel approaches. Research may involve humans, data mining, other animals or *in vitro* studies. The patient population, clinical, and neuropathological databases of the ADRC are available resources for approved proposals. Additional resources include the databases from the National Alzheimer Coordinating Center (NACC) and ADNI. Priority will be given to studies that leverage ADRC resources and which have the highest chance of leading to subsequent external peer reviewed funding. Applications must clearly state the significance and innovation of the proposed research to Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. We anticipate funding two awards this year.

**Criteria for Review:** The following will be considered in evaluating the merit of a proposal:

- Quality and Novelty of scientific principles.
- Scientific merit.
- Likelihood of providing new and valuable insights into possible causes, diagnoses, treatment of, or care for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.
- Background and experience of the investigator(s).
- Adequacy of the resources and environment.
- Appropriateness of the budget for the proposed work.
- Likelihood that the pilot work will lead to subsequent extramural peer reviewed funding.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be full-time faculty of the University of Florida, MSMC, U. Miami, FAU or FIU. Previous recipients of 1Florida ADRC seed monies are not eligible.

**Budget Limitations:** Total budgets up to \$33,000 will be considered, standard NIH indirect rates apply. There is no allowance for travel, tuition, publication costs or major equipment. Small Equipment items under \$5,000 may be purchased if they are critical to the execution of project. Computer expenses unless only used for this project are not eligible. Please contact Joann Stamm, fiscal administrator, with budget questions ([jstamm@ufl.edu](mailto:jstamm@ufl.edu)). The total award of up to \$33,000 will include indirect costs, if required for the PI's department or administrative unit. The investigator is responsible for obtaining appropriate Institutional Review Board or Animal Care and Use Committee approval for the proposal.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

- **Letter of Intent:** A brief description of the proposed pilot study should be emailed to Pat Joy [pjoy@ufl.edu](mailto:pjoy@ufl.edu) by September 15th 2015. No detailed budget is necessary in the LOI.
- Please include the title of the proposal, names of investigators/co-investigators, brief description of the project, and a brief statement of relevance of the proposed research

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to the field and the ADRC. LOI should not exceed 2 pages. Please attach NIH style biosketches for the PI and Co-Is.

- Investigators invited to submit a full proposal will be notified by October 1, 2015.
- **Deadline:** Completed applications must be received no later than October 15th, 2015. Funding will start Jan 1, 2016. (Please follow application guidelines.)

## **Application Guidelines (for those invited to submit full proposals):**

The proposal should consist of the following sections:

- Title Page (ADRC version)
- Abstract
- Budget and Budget Justification
- Biographical Sketch(es) Of Key Personnel (*4-page version with personal statement -- PHS 398 08/12; this is the New NIH format must include current and completed support from the past 3 years*)
- Resources and Environment
- Research Plan [Specific Aims and Approach]

The grant itself will be in the standard NIH format but should be limited to 4 pages of text for the specific aims and approach. Guidelines for the page length of each section are:

1. Specific Aims (1/2 page)
2. Research Strategy:
  - Significance (1/2 page)
  - Innovation (1/4 page)
  - Approach (include Preliminary Studies if applicable) up ~ 3 pages
  - 1 page of figures may be included or embedded in the text
3. Bibliography and References Cited
4. Protection of Human subjects
5. Inclusion of Women and Minorities
6. Targeted/Planned Enrollment Table, if applicable
7. Inclusion of children
8. Vertebrate Animals
9. Select Agent Research
10. Consortium/Contractual Arrangements
11. Letters of Support (e.g., Consultants)
12. Resource Sharing Plan(s)

Use PHS 398 (Rev. 08/2012) format and guidelines. Abstract, budget, biographical sketches and resources and environment sections should be on the standard forms for PHS grants (08/12).

**PLEASE COMPILE ALL MATERIALS INTO A SINGLE PDF IN THE ORDER DESCRIBED ABOVE and send application materials** via e-mail to [pjoy@ufl.edu](mailto:pjoy@ufl.edu).

**For further information:** Interested applicants should discuss potential submissions with:  
Director, Todd E. Golde, MD PhD: [tgolde@ufl.edu](mailto:tgolde@ufl.edu)  
Associate Director, Ranjan Duara, MD: [Ranjan.Duara@msmc.com](mailto:Ranjan.Duara@msmc.com)