

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS (AD/ADRD)

The UCSD Shiley-Marcos Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) is soliciting applications for development grants. This funding opportunity is intended to support new ideas and new investigators in AD/ADRD research. It is designed for junior faculty, but may be awarded to more senior investigators whose research is primarily in other areas if they want to do new research in AD/ADRD. Established investigators in AD may be eligible if they are pursuing a change in research direction. Funds are to be used to develop preliminary data that will be used toward an application for independent research support.

Two grants of up to \$100,000 will be awarded by the ADRC through a combination of funding from its center grant (NIA P30 AG062429) and institutional/ philanthropic support. \$50,000 will be awarded in the first year, and upon satisfactory year-end progress reporting and committee review, a second tranche of funding will be provided. Proposals are due November 17, 2025, for the project period April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027.

Projects are encouraged, but not required, to use ADRC- derived resources. Proposals that do not use ADRC resources will remain competitive if the science is compelling. Applications will be judged on the following: Is the project scientifically valid? Is the research innovative? Is the research feasible and likely to yield new data in two years? Is the work likely to lead to future funding? Clinical trials are not eligible for this award.

If you are a new investigator working with a more senior investigator, please ask the senior investigator to write a letter describing their endorsement and support of you and your project. If you would like scientific consultation before submitting your proposal, please contact: James Brewer, MD PhD, (ibrewer@health.ucsd.edu), Douglas Galasko, MD, (dgalasko@health.ucsd.edu) or David Salmon, PhD (dsalmon@health.ucsd.edu). Biostatistical consultation is also available through the ADRC.

If you are a UCSD investigator, please submit the following forms:

1. Abstract page (PHS 398 Form page 2).
2. The text of the proposal which must be no longer than five (5) single-spaced pages (Font, Arial 11), not including budgets and appendices.
3. Detailed budget and justification for the initial project period (Form Page 4). The total should be for Direct Costs. Include Form Page 5 if you intend to request a second year of support.
4. Biosketch including other support.

If you are a non-UCSD investigator, both Direct and Indirect costs must be included in the budget total and we will need these additional forms:

1. Face Page (Form page 1 [*Does not need sign-off by institution until selected for funding*]).
2. PHS 398 Checklist or waiver of institutional F&A/ Indirect Costs.

We look forward to receiving your proposal. Please submit an electronic copy to Emily Little, MPH, at e2little@health.ucsd.edu and copy Dr. Brewer at ibrewer@health.ucsd.edu. Proposals will undergo scientific review to select those submitted to NIA for funding. A funding decision will be made shortly thereafter.