



## 2022 Funding Opportunities: Oregon Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

### Development Projects

The [Oregon Alzheimer's Disease Research Center](#) (OADRC; P30AG066518) requests letters of intent for development projects in the 2022-2023 year. The objective of the NIH-funded OADRC and this opportunity is to promote basic and clinical biomedical, translational, epidemiological, caregiving, educational and behavioral research on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias (ADRD), and brain aging. The funding provides support to develop preliminary data sufficient to provide the basis for an application for independent research support.

Investigators are encouraged to utilize OADRC Core resources, including Clinical, Data, Biomarkers, Neuropathology, Outreach Recruitment & Education, Neuroimaging, and Digital Technology. Investigators may have access (with IRB approval) to patients and control volunteers with clinical, imaging, genetic and neuropathological information; digital biomarker activity and audio data; specimens such as DNA, frozen and fixed brain tissue, CSF, and cell lines. Note that standardized clinical and neuropathological research data collected from all NIH ADCs is available from the NIH-funded National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center. Investigators are encouraged to consider [priority topics](#) established by the NIA National Advisory Council on Aging.

**Eligibility:** Applicants may be postdoctoral, junior or senior faculty investigators at an academic institution. More senior investigators should be new to ADRD research, or an ADRD researcher wanting to explore a new hypothesis, method, or approach. Investigators from communities underrepresented in research are especially encouraged to apply. Clinical trials cannot be supported through this award. Interested investigators are strongly encouraged to consult with OADRC faculty or staff prior to submissions.

**Letters of Intent:** Letters (addressed to OADRC Executive Committee) should briefly describe the applicant's research program, career plans, experience in dementia research, as well as briefly summarize purpose and aims of the proposed project (including title) in relation to other current and future ADRD research. Letters must be no more than 1,200 words (Arial 11pt font, 0.5-inch margins). Include current NIH biosketch for only the candidate investigator. Submit as one pdf document to [zitzelbe@ohsu.edu](mailto:zitzelbe@ohsu.edu). *NOTE: Eligible applicants will automatically be considered for the Research Scholars program (described below) if their project is not selected for funding.*

- Letter of intent due Friday, October 15, 2021 by 5:00 pm PT
- Full application (invited; 5 pages) due Friday, November 19, 2021 by 5:00 pm PT
- Maximum direct costs: \$75,000
- Project dates: 03/01/22 – 02/28/23
- Number of projects to be funded: 2

### Research Scholars

The [Oregon Alzheimer's Disease Research Center](#) (OADRC; P30AG066518) requests letters of nomination for Alzheimer's Disease Research Scholars as part of the OADRC Research Education Component (REC). The objective of the NIH-funded OADRC and this REC opportunity is to support early investigators as they pursue research careers in basic and clinical biomedical, translational, epidemiological, caregiving, educational and

behavioral research on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias (ADRD), and normal brain aging. The funding provides discretionary support for career development, equipment, salary support, or other expenses to provide the basis for an application for independent research support.

The OADRC Research Education Component aims to provide a tailored educational program utilizing didactic, experiential and individualized mentored opportunities (lectures, seminars, courses, one-on-one coaching, real-life laboratory and clinical activities) that cover a range of important skills and proficiencies: knowledge of foundational reference content for the field, ethical conduct of research, culturally relevant research, good research habits and practice, research design and methodology, grant and manuscript writing, presentation skills, collaboration and data sharing, and leadership acumen.

Scholars will have access to senior-level faculty for consultation and mentoring support; attend national ADRC meetings; work together to choose guest lecturers. In addition, scholars will be provided \$10,000 in direct costs in each of a two-year term, in addition to support to attend at least one annual professional conference (e.g., travel and registration). Funds may be used for investigator or staff effort, materials & supplies, or other allowable costs.

**Eligibility:** Applicants may be doctoral candidates, post-doctoral fellows, or early-career faculty. Investigators from communities underrepresented in research are especially encouraged to apply.

**Letters of Nomination:** Letters from the potential REC scholar (addressed to OADRC Executive Committee) should briefly describe the applicant's research program, career plans, interest in dementia research, as well as briefly summarize a tentative plan for utilizing the funds (no budget necessary). *Letters must be no more than 1,200 words* (Arial 11pt font, 0.5-inch margins). Include current NIH biosketch for only the applicant. Submit as one pdf document to [zitzelbe@ohsu.edu](mailto:zitzelbe@ohsu.edu).

- Letters of Nomination due Friday, November 19, 2021 by 5:00 pm PT
- Maximum direct costs: \$10,000 each year (plus support for one annual conference)
- Project dates: 03/01/22 – 02/29/24
- Number of scholars to be selected: 6

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