2023 Funding Opportunity:
Oregon Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center Development Projects

The Oregon Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (OADRC; P30AG066518) requests letters of intent for development projects to be awarded and conducted in 2023-24. 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 normal 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; biospecimens such as DNA, frozen and fixed brain tissue, CSF, and cell lines. Note that standardized clinical and neuropathological research data collected from all NIH ADRCs 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 and the National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease (National Alzheimer’s Plan).

Eligibility: No clinical trials may be proposed. Applicants may be postdoctoral, early or more advanced career investigators at an academic institution. More senior investigators should be new to ADRD research, or an ADRD researcher wanting to try a new hypothesis, method, or approach. Investigators from communities underrepresented in research are especially encouraged to apply. Interested investigators are strongly encouraged to consult with OADRC faculty or staff.

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 the 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 only for the candidate investigator. Submit as one pdf document to schiffkh@ohsu.edu.

- Letter of intent due Friday, September 2, 2022 by 5:00 pm PT
- Full application (invited; 5 pages) due Friday, October 7, 2022 by 5:00 pm PT
- Maximum direct costs: $75,000
- Project dates: 03/01/23 – 02/29/24
- Number of projects to be funded: 2

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