

2024 Funding Opportunity: Oregon Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Research Scholars

The Oregon Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (OADRC; P30AG066518) requests letters of intent for Alzheimer's Disease Research Scholars. The objective of the NIH-funded OADRC and this opportunity is to support junior 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. They will be provided with \$10,000 in direct costs for one year, 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. A second year may be available if funding allows.

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 Intent: Letters (addressed to the 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). <u>Letters must be no more than 1,200 words</u> (Arial 11pt font, 0.5-inch margins). Include current NIH biosketch for only the applicant. Submit as one pdf document to schiffkh@ohsu.edu.

- Letter of intent due Wednesday, October 18, 2023 by 5:00 pm PT
- Maximum direct costs: \$10,000 for one year, plus support for one annual conference
- Project dates: 03/01/24 02/28/25
- Number of scholars to be selected: 5

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