



Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program

Frequently Asked Questions

This list includes pertinent questions from past funding cycles. Although the Program has made some changes to the Funding Opportunity Announcement for FY16-17, the questions posted here are still relevant and should prove helpful to applicants.

1. Should grants be submitted in collaboration with different investigators or can individuals apply?

Any researcher at a university or research institute in Florida is eligible to apply. Researchers may collaborate, but only one researcher may serve as the principal investigator.

2. If individual researchers are allowed to submit single applications, is there a limit to the number of researchers at a single institution?

There is not a limit to the number of researchers from a single institution that may apply. However, each researcher may only submit one application as the principal investigator for this FOA.

3. What are the restrictions on Board members regarding submitted proposals? Is being a PI or co-PI not allowed?

Board members are not allowed to be a PI, co-PI, or receive any compensation from a Program grant award. See page 20 in the FOA (C. Guidelines for Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Advisory Board Member Participation).

4. Should a brief description of our proposed research be included in the Letter of Intent?

See page 19 of the FOA where the eleven required fields in the Letter of Intent are listed. This includes a brief general audience abstract of no more than 500 words.

5. Could you please tell me if there is a page limit on the grant application?

Limits are listed for each section of the application within the online application.

6. Is there a template to follow for the letter of intent?

There is no specific template or required format, however, each letter of intent must include all 11 of the required pieces of information listed on page 19 of the FOA.

7. Would research on dietary supplements (nutraceuticals) qualify under the Pharmacotherapeutic Research opportunity for this request for proposals?

See Section 2 “Priority Areas” for a complete description of qualifying research. Nutraceuticals would fall under Focus Area 2.1 “Novel therapeutic targets and strategies.”

8. Our organization would like to apply as the lead organization and we are an established research institute which makes us an eligible institution as per the definition on page 27 of the Funding Opportunity Announcement. Does our PI have to be a full-time faculty at our organization or can he/she be a full-time faculty at any eligible institution in Florida?

The PI must be faculty at the lead institution. The PI must be able to serve as a principal investigator (able to act on behalf of the applicant organization, for example to hire staff and expend funds).

9. In the situation of a consortium or contractual agreement (definition pg. 26), may our organization (an eligible institution) be the applicant lead institution and contract with another eligible institution for a full-time faculty member to serve as our PI?

See the answer to question 8.

10. The FOA allows up to 15% indirect costs? Will we be required to submit a negotiated indirect cost rate agreement or something similar with the budget?

The Department allows indirect costs up to 15%. Applicants will be expected to show their established indirect cost rate and what it is based on (i.e., salary, benefits, etc.).

11. What is the maximum amount of funding grantees may receive per year?

Maximum award amounts for each of the three categories of grants are outlined in the “Grant Categories” section found on page 12 of the Funding Opportunity Announcement.

12. What is the maximum duration of the award?

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13. To determine the level of necessary details, we would like to know whether all reviewers have expertise in Alzheimer’s disease. Further, would a list of review committee members be made public?

All reviewers will have the experience, training and education necessary to assess the scientific merit of applications as they relate to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of Alzheimer’s disease. The Department typically does not publish a list of review committee members for such funding opportunities.

14. Do you accept NIH formatted biosketches and letters of support?

The acceptable format is provided in the online application system. Letters of Support are optional.

15. Are your terms and conditions negotiable?

Terms and Conditions are not negotiable.

16. Is the applicant who registers to access The Research Management System the Principal Investigator or the institution?

The Principle Investigator

17. Do we need to submit a signed “terms and conditions” document?

No.

18. Is it still possible to do no cost extension after the grant ends?

Yes.

19. Do we have to include quotes for equipment proposed to purchase in the application?

Yes. Cost for equipment should be indicated on the budget template and budget narrative form.

20. Can we include our key publications as an attachment?

Include peer-reviewed publications in the biographical sketch format that is provided in the online application system.

21. Should we pre-vet proposals before allowing the Letters of Intent to go forward so that you have the true number that will be submitted, or should we allow any and all people who are considering to file a LOI?

Organizations are not limited to the number of Letters of Intent that can be submitted, but the Department encourages organizations to submit Letters of Intent for proposals that are likely to be submitted.

22. Does this program support research in other dementia areas (e.g. Frontotemporal dementia)?

Grant applications must clearly demonstrate how the proposed project is relevant to Alzheimer’s disease and be responsive to one of the priorities listed in this Funding Opportunity Announcement.

23. If the lead institution has a collaboration with another institution, then can only one of them charge indirect costs in the proposal?

The lead institution and any collaborators can charge indirect costs as long as the total amount of indirect costs are limited to 15 percent of the total amount of direct costs requested.

24. Can an individual be a PI on two grants submitted in different Priority areas if their Institution allows it?

No. The PI shall not submit two applications to the Program during the same Funding Opportunity Announcement. See “Types of Applications and Overlap Limits” on pages 20 and 21 of the FOA.