

FAQs for 2019 Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Program  
Funding Opportunity Announcement (July 25, 2019)

1. "Does the FDOH intend the grant awards for this mechanism to go towards both consortium formation AND conduct of pilot research?"

ANSWER: If you are asking whether you can apply for both a consortium grant and a pilot grant, the answer is yes. If you are asking whether a consortium grant can conduct a pilot grant, the answer is yes. But consortium grants can be longer term research projects such as a clinical trial.

2. "Or is it sufficient for the budget to be devoted to establishment of infrastructure, systems, and common protocols?"

ANSWER: Note page 10 of the FOA: "In an effort to promote the development of the infrastructure to support such clinical research studies, applications may be submitted by any university or established research institute in Florida, with existing infrastructure and clinical and behavioral research protocols to collaborate with MDCs and other clinical organizations without such existing infrastructure. This will promote the development of a consortium of clinical centers to conduct high quality clinical research studies." You can use budget to help establish infrastructure.

3. Our institution would like to apply for the consortium grant to specifically enhance participation of Hispanic/Latino's in Alzheimer's disease research, in collaboration with two other biomedical research institutions in Florida. The consortium would initially focus on recruitment of this understudied minority population for genetic studies of Alzheimer's disease, with the ultimate goal to identify genetic risk factors that influence the risk of Alzheimer's disease and related comorbidities, such as cardiovascular disease, in this population. We expect that this knowledge will be crucial for the effective design of treatments and the successful implementation of precision medicine. Our hope is to be able to expand these efforts to the Hispanic/Latino community. Would you please let me know if this area of research would be eligible for the Consortium grant category?

ANSWER: The Department does not provide input on the eligibility of a research project. I do not see where your idea contradicts the criteria for a consortium grant.

4. One of my postdocs is interested in applying for a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Grant. We were a little confused by the requirements. It says that you have to be a PI / full-time faculty member to submit. Does that mean that the PI is to write & submit the grant on behalf of the postdoc, or does the PI requirement pertain only to the other grants (Pilot, standard, consortium)?

ANSWER: The PI will mentor the post-doc. A full-time researcher at the institution qualifies as the PI to be eligible to apply for an AD research grant. If the Postdoc is a full-time faculty member, they can apply for a research grant. The PI on any research grant must be a full-time faculty member to submit.