



Request for Applications

Mitochondrial Therapeutic Approaches Research Award sponsored by Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance and the Muscular Dystrophy Association

Introduction

The Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) and the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) invite proposals, under a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process, to award a grant focusing on critical issues or hypotheses that advance therapeutic approaches to mitochondrial dysfunction as it relates to neurodegenerative diseases. We anticipate funding one award for two years under this program. The total award is limited to \$100,000 (indirect costs can not exceed 10%) per year for two years.

Program Objectives/Criteria

Proposals should address critical or innovative hypotheses that advance therapeutic approaches to mitochondrial dysfunction as it relates to neurodegenerative disease such as:

- addressing technical hurdles in the field
- development of new cellular or animal models
- drug discovery
- development of treatment strategies (e.g. reducing ROS, gene therapy, protein delivery)
- biomarker development and validation

Priority will be given to proposals that:

- demonstrate collaboration among individuals with complementary interests that accelerate and expand the scope of research is desired and
- have application across neuromuscular degenerative conditions.

Guidelines: Applications will be received through the MDA research grant proposal system - <https://proposalcentral.altum.com/>

Once you establish an account through proposal central you will submit to "MDA Research Grant". The title of your proposal must include "mitochondrial RFA". A letter of intent is due by June 15th, 2008. All applications must be received by July 15th, 2008. Applications will be accepted from for-profit organizations, non-profit organizations, public or private institutions, and foreign institutions. Budget must be for \$100,000 per year for two years (indirect costs are limited to 10%).

Selection Criteria: All applications will be peer-reviewed and scored based on significance of proposal, approach/methods of the research plan, innovation, investigator/experience, environment/resources and budget. The proposal with the best score will be awarded. Scientific advisors from both FARA and MDA will oversee the review, decision and notification process.

Timeline:

RFP release date: May 20th, 2008
Letter of intent: June 15th, 2008
Application/Proposal due date: July 15th 2008
Award announcement: Oct 15th 2008
Grant start date: Nov 1st 2008

Budget: The proposed budget must not exceed \$100,000 per year and indirect costs are limited to 10%. Additional budget instructions and guidelines are included with the application.

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