

Research PDF Grant Program



The Parkinson's Disease Foundation® (PDF®) is pleased to announce a request for proposals for investigator-initiated research designed to improve the lives and futures of people touched by Parkinson's. PDF invites scientists, neurologists, students and other members of the scientific community to apply.

PDF's diverse Parkinson's research portfolio supports the imagination of teams and individuals around the world. The organization's funding philosophy is to empower these stakeholders to identify novel questions about, and answers to, the puzzle of Parkinson's.

PDF is committed to including the perspective of the Parkinson's community in the research process. Several trained PDF research advocates will be involved in the evaluation of applications.

Brief program descriptions follow. Full details are available at grants.pdf.org.

International Research Grants

Level of Support: \$75,000 plus ten percent indirect expenses, per year.

Length of Support: Two years; subject to review of first year progress.

Eligibility: Independent investigators possessing a Ph.D. or M.D. with clinical, preclinical, or basic research proposals that will directly impact Parkinson's disease or its treatment. Not open to postdocs or fellows.

Due Dates: Letter of Intent due by 5 PM EST on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. Applicants who are invited to submit a full proposal will be notified of their status in mid-December and asked to submit a full proposal by 5 PM EST on Friday, February 10, 2012.

How to Apply: Review program requirements and apply via grants.pdf.org.

Postdoctoral Fellowships for Basic Scientists

Level of Support: \$42,500, plus \$5,000 research allowance.

Length of Support: One year, competitively renewable up to three years total.

Eligibility: Postdoctoral fellows within five years of receiving their Ph.D., who have the support of a mentor.

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Postdoctoral Fellowships for Clinical Neurologists

Level of support: \$55,000, plus \$5,000 research allowance.

Length of support: One year, competitively renewable up to two years total.

Eligibility: M.D.'s within three years of completing a residency in neurology, who have the support of a mentor.

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Conference Awards (NEW)

Level of Support: Average award \$10,000, with a maximum of \$15,000.

Length of Support: Up to one year.

Eligibility: Independent investigators possessing a Ph.D. or M.D., conducting meetings to address emerging clinical or basic science questions about Parkinson's. Not open to postdocs or fellows.

Due Date: Proposals are due by 5 PM EST on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

How to Apply: Review program requirements and apply via grants.pdf.org.

PDF-PSG Mentored Clinical Research Award

Co-Sponsor: Funded by a grant from the PDF to the Parkinson Study Group (PSG).

Level of Support: \$75,000 per year.

Length of Support: One year.

Eligibility: Clinicians and scientists who are within five years of having completed formal training. Fellows may apply. Applicants must identify an appropriate mentor or mentors with extensive research experience. Either the applicant or the mentor must be a member of the PSG. An applicant may have co-mentors.

Due Date: Friday, March 23, 2012.

How to Apply: Review program overview and instructions on grants.pdf.org and apply directly to the PSG via email to Roseanna.Battista@ctcc.rochester.edu.

Summer Fellowship Program

Level of Support: \$3,000.

Length of Support: Ten weeks of laboratory research.

Eligibility: Students — advanced undergraduates, graduate or medical students — in their pursuit of Parkinson's-related summer research projects. Fellows must work under the close supervision of a sponsor who is an expert in the Parkinson's community and oversees the project.

Application Due Date: Monday, January 23, 2012.

How to Apply: Review program overview instructions and apply via grants.pdf.org.

For more information, please review our Application FAQ at grants.pdf.org or email grants@pdf.org.



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