

LIMITED SUBMISSION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

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Sponsor:	National Institute of Health (NIH)
Participating Organization:	National Institute on Aging (NIA)
Title:	Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers (P50)
FOA Number	RFA-AG-15-002
Internal Review Deadline:	Friday, March 14, 2014
Sponsor Deadlines:	April 14, 2014 - Letter of Intent May 14, 2014 5:00 PM Local time
Nominations allowed:	One (1) per university
Award Amount:	New Applications – up to \$1 million per year Renewal Applications – SEE AWARD BUDGET DETAILS
Duration:	May not exceed (5) years

This is a limited submission opportunity requiring internal review; please see internal review instructions page 2

Award Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from qualified institutions for support of Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers (ADRCs). These centers are designed to support and conduct research on Alzheimer's disease (AD), to serve as shared research resources that will facilitate research in AD and related disorders, distinguish them from the processes of normal brain aging and mild cognitive impairment (MCI), provide a platform for training, collect biospecimens useful for clinical research, develop novel techniques and methodologies, and translate these research findings into better diagnostic, prevention, treatment and care strategies.

The principal aim of the ADRCs should be to enhance the performance of innovative research on AD and related topics, including research that may lead to potential disease-modifying therapy or behavioral or other symptom treatments. Centers are requested to concentrate their attention on better defining normal aging and the transition from normal aging to mild cognitive impairment (MCI) to the earliest stages of dementia, whether AD itself or other related dementias associated with aging. Clinical and pathological information about the earliest cognitive changes is now beginning to make it possible to develop strategies to prevent the disease from developing or slow its progression. Attention should also be paid to mixed dementias and overlapping neurodegenerative syndromes that often occur with AD, such as vascular dementia, Lewy Body disease, Frontotemporal degeneration and Parkinson's dementia, in order to better differentiate among them and to recognize commonalities. In addition, co-occurring conditions in other organ systems that may contribute to clinical dementia could be studied. See RFA for full details:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-15-002.html>

ADRC applications will include, in addition, two or three research projects with a duration of up to five years (equivalent to small R01 grants) at least one of which should depend on Clinical or Neuropathology Core resources at the home Center or another Center. The number of research projects funded and their duration will depend upon scientific quality. Funding for one to three smaller one year pilot grants should also be requested. Centers should show plans of career progression for junior investigators including leadership of projects and cores within the center and successful pursuit of independent funding.

Eligible Individuals: (Program Director/Principal Investigator) Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH support.

The PD/PI should be a scientific leader experienced in the field of AD and/or other neurodegenerative disease research and must be able to coordinate, integrate, and provide guidance in the establishment of programs in AD research and allied areas.

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INTERNAL REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS:

Required documentation:

- **Summary Page (1 page)**
 - Complete contact information of PI including: full name and current academic title with the university, depart, phone number, email address
 - Title of this funding opportunity
 - Descriptive title of proposed research
 - Names of other key personnel (if applicable)
 - Participating institutions (if applicable)

 - **Proposal (maximum of 4 pages including references)**
Tailored to address the sponsor's goals/focus (full details online) and including:
 - Goals and a statement of the importance of the research
 - Specific aims
 - Method of procedure

 - **Biographical Sketch (maximum of 4 pages)**
 - Including other support
- **COMBINE ALL DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE INTO ONE PDF** and email to Limited Submission Committee at hsfunding@ucsd.edu by the date and TIME listed above.
- In the body of your submission email, include your full name and contact information (often accomplished by including an email signature).

UCSD will prescreen and select 1 applicant, as allowed by the sponsor, to move forward to the full application stage.
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If selected, PI should be prepared to complete a full application pursuant to the sponsor's guidelines which may include the following items:

- Budget
- Expanded application and proposal
- Additional reference letters

All applications for funding must also be reviewed by the Office of Contracts and Grant Administration (OCGA). Upon receiving notification of passing internal review, the selected PI(s) will also be given the contact information for the appropriate OCGA officer. Coordination of the OCGA review will be direct between the PI and their OCGA contact.

CONTACTS

Internal Contact for Questions:

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