



Request for Applications

The 2009 Kyle Bryant Translational Research Award sponsored by Ride Ataxia, the Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance and the National Ataxia Foundation

Introduction

The Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) and the National Ataxia Foundation (NAF) invite proposals, under a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process, to award a grant focusing on pre-clinical and clinical investigations that will advance treatments for Friedreich's Ataxia. We anticipate funding three one-year awards under this program. The total award is limited to \$120,000 (direct costs only) for each.

Program Objectives/Criteria

Proposals should be for pre-clinical/translational or clinical research focused on Friedreich's ataxia with aims targeting one or more of the following:

- Identification of biomarkers for FA that will elucidate disease variability, severity, and prognosis; facilitate drug screening, and/or optimize selection of patients and clinical endpoints for clinical trials. Could center on various approaches such as:
 - Genetic-based studies
 - Protein-based studies
 - Imaging studies
 - Metabolomics
- Development of animal or cellular models that permit further evaluation of candidate therapeutics
- Development of tools and technologies that can be directly used for therapy development. Examples include novel gene therapy vectors, genetically-modified cells, drug delivery devices, etc... These tools or technologies should overcome existing obstacles to treatment and be capable of being directly applied to, or adapted for, delivery of potential therapeutics.
- Pre-clinical development and testing of potential targets, biologics, and devices in cells and animals
- Clinical studies of patient outcome measures, potential interventions, or devices

Guidelines: All applications must be received by **July 31st, 2009**. A letter of intent should be submitted with your title and a few sentences describing the focus of your proposal by July 15th, 2009. Applicants must complete the Kyle Bryant Translational Research Award application form. Applications will be accepted from for-profit organizations, non-profit organizations, public or private institutions, and foreign institutions. Budget must be for direct costs only and must not exceed \$120,000. Letters of intent and applications are to be submitted electronically to jen.farmer@cureFA.org and susan@ataxia.org

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 NAF will oversee the review, decision and notification process.

Timeline:

RFP release date: June 1, 2009
Letter of intent: July 15, 2009
Application/Proposal due date: July 31, 2009
Award announcement: October 1, 2009
Grant start date: October 15, 2009

Budget: It is required that the funds awarded under this program be used for direct research support. The proposed budget must not exceed \$120,000.

Allowable costs under this award:

- Laboratory supplies, reagents, purchase and care of laboratory animals
- Small pieces of laboratory equipment
- Salary for the principal investigator, scientific (including postdoctoral fellows) and technical staff (including laboratory technicians)

Costs not allowed under this award include:

- Support for travel to scientific and professional meetings usually attended by the investigators
- Computer hardware or software
- No indirect costs

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