

## **Funding Opportunity**

**Penn Medicine Center for Orphan Disease Research and Therapy  
Improved Therapies for Rare Diseases**

### **Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program**

**in collaboration with Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance**

**POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH ON  
FRIEDREICH'S ATAXIA**

**Research priorities in Friedrich's ataxia include:**

- **Advance understanding of neuroscience / neuro systems – understanding the neurodegeneration of FA and implications for therapies**
- **Advance drug discovery, including research that would lead to target validation or to genetic, epigenetic and protein approaches that target increasing frataxin levels**
- **Development and validation of biomarkers, especially those that measure frataxin or the direct consequences of frataxin deficiency in affected tissue (CNS, muscle or cardiac)**

A one-year grant for \$35,000 will be awarded based on qualification and scientific merit.

Pre-application must be uploaded by 5pm EST on Monday, September 15, 2014 at <http://www.med.penn.edu/orphandisease/rare-disease-overview.shtml#grants>

Format for the 1-page pre-application:

- Project title
- Applicant and Mentor Names, Titles, and associated institutions
- Brief statement of eligibility of Applicant
- Overall goal of the project
- Specific aims provided as a brief list
- Requested resources in terms of 1-year funding (total budget amount including 10% IDCs, if relevant to your institution)
- Attach CV of applicant

Full application is by invitation only after review of pre-application.