Request for Applications

Purpose: The Commonwealth of Virginia established the Award Fund in 1982 to promote research into Alzheimer’s and related diseases. Because of a commitment to program balance, the Fund encourages scientifically rigorous applications from a broad spectrum of disciplines. Studies may involve:
1. the underlying causes, epidemiology, diagnosis, or treatment of Alzheimer’s and related diseases;
2. policies, programs, and financing for care and support of those affected by Alzheimer’s and related diseases;
3. or the social and psychological impacts of Alzheimer’s and related diseases upon the individual, family, and community.

Funding: The size of awards varies, but is limited to $45,000 each. Number of awards is contingent upon available funds.

Eligibility: Applicants must be affiliated with colleges or universities, research institutes, or other not-for-profit organizations located in Virginia. The Fund encourages partnerships between community-based agencies/facilities and academic institutions in Virginia.

Schedule: Letter of Intent: By February 4, 2021 prospective applicants are required to submit a non-binding letter of intent that includes a tentative project title, contact information for the principal investigator, the identities of other key personnel and participating institutions, a non-technical abstract, the specific aims, and a 4-5 sentence description of the project in common, everyday language for press release purposes. Letters on letterhead with signature affixed must be uploaded to go.vcu.edu/ardraf-loi. Potential applicants will be contacted if LOIs are deemed inappropriate.

Applications: Applications, emailed on or before the due date, will be accepted through the close of business March 11, 2021. NOTE: significant changes to the application form and guidelines were instituted in 2018.

Announcement of Awards: Award decisions will be announced by June 21, 2021.

Funding Period: The funding period begins July 1, 2021 and projects must be completed by June 30, 2022.

Review: Three qualified technical reviewers, one of whom is identified by the applicant, will review proposals for scientific merit. The Awards Committee will make the final funding decision.

Application: Application forms, guidelines, and further information may be found at go.vcu.edu/ardraf or by contacting the Award Fund administrator:

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