



Request for 2020-21 Grant Applications – Treatment-Related Studies

The Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Foundation is pleased to announce a Call for New Grant Applications for research projects relating to human prion diseases. Grants will be awarded for human prion disease research:

- **Treatment Studies:** One or more grants, including one up to \$100,000, will be awarded for projects focused on developing a treatment (studies one to two years in length). Specific attention will be given to clinical and translational research and to studies identifying treatment targets and/or biomarkers.

Time schedule

- Deadline for receipt of Letters of Intent: August 3, 2020
- Applicants selected to submit a full Grant Application will be notified by October 15, 2020
- If advised to submit a full Grant Application, deadline is November 16, 2020
- Awards communicated to recipients: January 15, 2021
- Awards announced: January 22, 2021
- Research projects are expected to be completed one year (or two years) from date of the award
- A progress report is due at six months and at one year (and two years) from date of the award

Grant Terms and Amounts

- Only one applicant from a Senior Principal Investigator's laboratory will be selected to submit a full grant application.
- By accepting the grant, the applicant agrees to present a six-month report at the CJD Foundation's Annual Family Conference in Washington, DC, July 16-18, 2021. The Foundation will cover the cost of the speaker's registration, lodging, and meals. The speaker will cover the cost of transportation to and from the conference from the funds awarded.
- The following grants will be awarded for human prion disease research:
 - One or more grants, including one up to \$100,000, for projects focused on developing a treatment (studies one to two years in length). Specific attention will be given to clinical and translational research and to studies identifying treatment targets and/or biomarkers.
- No grants will be awarded for projects that have been funded in a preceding year, and precedence will be given to new projects.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Innovation and scientific excellence of the project
2. Relevance and impact to human prion diseases
3. Expertise of the investigator(s) in the field of the proposed research

Application Process

A one-page Letter of Intent briefly describing items A-D of the proposed project is required. The Grant Application should *not* be included with the Letter of Intent. The letter should be sent by email to:

Debbie Yobs, President/Executive Director, CJD Foundation
Debbie@CJDFoundation.org

Letters of Intent will be evaluated by the Foundation's Scientific Advisory Committee by October 15, 2020. If a project is selected for further evaluation, a full Grant Application will then be requested by the Advisory Committee.

The Letter of Intent and Grant Application should be **single-spaced, in Arial 11 or equivalent font, with margins not less than .5. Documents MUST meet the page count restrictions indicated. No cover page.**

Letter of Intent – Treatment-Related (no more than ONE page)

- A. Project Title
- B. Principal Investigator (PI) name, direct collaborators and full affiliation (10 lines max)
- C. Objectives of Treatment-Related Study (10 lines max.)
- D. Relevance to human prion diseases (1/2 page max.)

Grant Application – Treatment-Related (no more than FOUR pages)

- E. Project Title
- F. Principal Investigator (PI) name, direct collaborators and full affiliation (10 lines max)
- G. Specific Aims
- H. Methods and experimental design (1 page max)
- I. Feasibility and preliminary data (if available) (1/2 page max)
- J. Relevance to human prion diseases (1/2 page max)
- K. Expertise of the PI in the field of the proposed research (5 lines max)
- L. References (relevant references only; less than one page)
- M. Estimate of study duration
- N. Budget (up to \$100,000 for 1-2 year treatment related study)
- O. List of funding from other sources must include a statement that excludes overlap with the present proposal

Note: The budget may not contain administrative overhead or indirect cost, and should be prepared in U.S. dollars. Postdoctoral fellowship applications should include a budget even if they are only requesting salary.