



CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE  
FOUNDATION, INC.

*Supporting Families Affected by Prion Disease*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**CJD Foundation Awards Six Research Grants for 2018**

Akron, Ohio — April 9, 2018 — The CJD Foundation has awarded six grants to researchers in the Prion Disease field. To date, the CJD Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million in research grants, presented to 35 recipients since 2006.

“We look forward to watching the progress made by these dedicated scientists in unraveling the mysteries of Prion Disease and moving closer to a treatment and a cure,” says Debbie Yobs, President, CJD Foundation.

Applications for the 2017-18 CJD Foundation Research Grants were reviewed, rated, and ranked by the Foundation’s Scientific Advisory Committee. The grants were funded by donations to the CJD Foundation, funds raised through the nationwide Strides for CJD fundraising event, and memorial grants from families.

2018 CJD Foundation Research Grant Recipients are:

**Dr. Hermann Clemens Altmepfen**

Institute of Neuropathology, University Medical Center - Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany

***"Investigating the Potential of the Neuroprotective N1 Fragment of the Prion Protein as a New Treatment Against Prion Diseases"***

**Leonardo Cortez, Ph.D.**

Centre for Prions and Protein Folding Diseases, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

***"Isolation and Strain-Specific Characterization of Pathogenic CJD Prion Particles"***

**David A. Harris, M.D., Ph.D.**

Department of Biochemistry, Boston University School of Medicine

***"Highly Synergistic Combination Therapy for Prion Diseases"***

**Allison Kraus, Ph.D.**

Rocky Mountain Laboratories, Montana

***"Investigation of Prion Inactivation by Reactive Oxygen Species in Vivo"***

**Sylvain Lehmann, Ph.D.**

Institute for Regenerative Medicine and Biotherapy, University of Montpellier, France

***"Innovative Human 3D Neural Network Model for the Efficient Propagation of Human Prions"***

**Rodrigo Morales, Ph.D.**

Mitchell Center for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Brain Disorders

Department of Neurology, University of Texas-Houston Medical School  
***"Systematic Evaluation of the Zoonotic Potential of Different CWD Isolates"***

Grant recipients will present mid-year updates on their work at the CJD Foundation's Annual Family Conference, July 13 to 15, 2018, in Washington, DC.

To learn more about their studies, visit <https://cjdfoundation.org/grant-recipients>.

To learn more about donating Memorial Grants for research, visit <https://cjdfoundation.org/memorial-research-grants>.

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**About the CJD Foundation, Inc.** CJD Foundation, Inc. provides support for families affected by prion disease. Programs include a seven-day HelpLine, referrals and caregiving information, family workshops, and support groups, as well as medical education and an annual conference for families and scientists. For more information, call 1-800-659-1991, email us at [help@cjdfoundation.org](mailto:help@cjdfoundation.org) or visit [www.cjdfoundation.org](http://www.cjdfoundation.org).