Call for Pilot Research Grant Applications
$26,750 for 1 year

The Washington University Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (ADRC) promotes and funds research on behavioral and/or biomedical correlates of healthy aging, and dementia, as well as their neurobiology. In addition to behavioral/social studies, appropriate topics include neuronal susceptibility, degeneration, repair and death; Alzheimer’s disease and other dementing neurodegenerative diseases; Down syndrome; and mechanisms of relevant genetic susceptibility.

A major goal of pilot funding is to encourage new investigators, either junior investigators or more established investigators not currently doing Alzheimer or aging research in this area. Investigators previously funded through the ADRC are not eligible unless the pilot or feasibility study represents a major departure from earlier work. The principal investigator must be a full-time Washington University faculty member (instructor or above). All pilots are funded for one year at an anticipated maximum of $26,750 direct costs.

Proposals are subject to competitive peer view. If your proposal will make use of any ADRC resource (e.g., brain tissue, ADRC subjects, statistical support) please be certain to acquaint yourself with the “Guidelines & Policies for Investigators Conducting Research Within the ADRC”. (A copy of the “Guidelines” is available from the ADRC office at 286-2881, or email attachment (adrc@neuro.wustl.edu) or online at the ADRC Web page (http://www.adrc.wustl.edu/adrc/.)

In order for us to facilitate the review process, we must have a letter of intent to apply along with a PROPOSAL TITLE (maximum 56 characters) & ABSTRACT in the ADRC office no later than Friday, NOVEMBER 15th. An electronic copy (WORD 2000) and EIGHT COMPLETE COPIES OF YOUR PROPOSAL must be received no later than Monday, NOVEMBER 25th 2002. Anticipated ADRC decision by January 31st, 2003, NIA funding begins May 1, 2003.

Submissions should be made following the PHS 398 application format and should include: biosketch, other support, and research plan (specific aims, background and significance, preliminary studies and experimental design and methods) The research plan CANNOT exceed TEN pages total (excluding references). DO NOT EXCEED PAGE LIMITATIONS. Copies of complete PHS 398 (revised 4/98) packets may be obtained from your business office, the Research Office (747-0925) or by calling Linda Amos in the ADRC office (286-2438). If your application is selected, a complete set of PHS398 forms will be required as well as appropriate IRB review by February 1, 2003.


For more information, see http://www.adrc.wustl.edu/adrc/research.html

PLEASE ADDRESS PROPOSALS AND ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO Dr. Virginia Buckles (adrc@neuro.wustl.edu; 286-2416; Campus Box 8111-ADRC).