Call for Pilot Research Grant Applications
$35,000 for 1 year
Letter of intent with abstract due October 24, 2011
Application due November 11, 2011

The Knight Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (ADRC) at Washington University supports clinical, biomedical, and behavioral research on aging and dementia. Applications proposing patient-oriented research (e.g., risk factors, diagnosis, disease course, and treatment and management) and basic studies (including topics such as neuronal degeneration, genetic factors, and cellular and molecular mechanisms) both are welcomed.

The goal of the pilot research grants is to encourage investigators new to Alzheimer’s disease, both those who are early in their career development and those who are more senior but not currently working in this area, to initiate research in dementia and aging. Investigators previously funded through the ADRC are ineligible 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 at time of award). All pilots are funded for one year at an anticipated maximum of $35,000 direct costs.

Pilot grant proposals undergo competitive peer review. Proposals to use ADRC resources (e.g., ADRC participants; clinical and cognitive data; brain or other tissue; statistical support) must adhere to the "Guidelines & Policies for Investigators Conducting Research within the ADRC" and should discuss their proposals with Core leaders in advance of submission. A copy of the “Guidelines” (including Core Leader contact information) is available by email attachment (send request to adrc@abraxas.wustl.edu) or online at the ADRC Web page under the Research tab-Policies and Procedures: http://alzheimer.wustl.edu/Research/PoliciesProcedures.htm.

Submission:
1. To facilitate the review process, a letter of intent with a PROPOSAL TITLE (maximum 81 characters) & ABSTRACT must be received electronically by the ADRC office no later than Monday, October 24, 2011.

2. YOUR PROPOSAL, in PDF format, must be received no later than NOVEMBER 11, 2011 in the ADRC office. Submissions should use PHS 398 application format (6/2009) and include 3 items: 1) biosketch, 2) a draft budget (online approval not required until actual submission) and 3) research plan (specific aims, background and significance, preliminary studies and experimental design and methods). The research plan CANNOT exceed FIVE (5) pages total (excluding references). Complete PHS 398 (revised 6/2009) packets may be obtained online at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html.

Notice of approved pilot proposals will be on or before January 31, 2012. Funding from the National Institute on Aging for the pilot studies will commence May 1, 2012. A complete set of PHS398 forms and appropriate IRB applications will be required for all approved pilots by February 6, 2012.

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