Call for Developmental Project Grant Applications

$100,000/year for up to 2 years

Letter of intent with abstract due November 1, 2019

Application due November 8, 2019

The Knight Alzheimer Disease Research Center (Knight ADRC) at Washington University supports clinical, biomedical, behavioral, and translational 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 neurodegeneration, genetic factors, and cellular and molecular mechanisms) both are welcomed.

The Knight ADRC Developmental Project grant program aims to encourage investigators new to Alzheimer disease, both those who are early in their career development and those who are more senior but are new to this area, to initiate research in dementia and aging. Investigators previously funded through the Knight ADRC are ineligible unless the Project represents a major departure from earlier work (consult with ADRC leadership). The principal investigator must be a full-time Washington University faculty member (Instructor or above) at time of award. All Developmental Projects will be funded for one year at an anticipated maximum of $100,000 direct costs; a second year of funding (also at a maximum of $100,000 direct costs) will be awarded pending receipt of an approved progress report near the end of Year One.

Developmental Project grant proposals undergo competitive peer review. Proposals to use Knight ADRC resources (e.g., Knight ADRC participants; clinical and cognitive data; brain or other tissue; statistical support) are encouraged, but must adhere to the “Guidelines & Policies for Requesting Knight ADRC Resources” (https://knightadrc.wustl.edu/Research/PoliciesProcedures.htm). Potential applicants should discuss their proposals with appropriate Core Leaders (contact information available in the Guidelines document) in advance of submission. Projects that utilize data from the National Alzheimer’s Coordinating Center (NACC; https://www.alz.washington.edu/) or biospecimens from the National Centralized Repository for Alzheimer Disease and Related Dementias (NCRAD; https://ncrad.iu.edu/) also are encouraged.

- To facilitate the review process, a letter of intent with a PROPOSAL TITLE (maximum 81 characters) & ABSTRACT, which includes specific aims, should be received electronically by the Knight ADRC office no later than Friday, November 1, 2019.

- YOUR PROPOSAL, in PDF format, must be received no later than November 8, 2019 in the Knight ADRC office. Submissions should include 4 items: 1) biosketch, 2) a draft budget (online approval not required until actual submission), 3) budget justification, and 4) 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).

Notice of approved Developmental Project proposals will be on or before January 31, 2020. Funding for the 2020 Developmental Project grants is part of the ADRC grant award from the National Institute on Aging and should commence May 1, 2020. A complete set of forms and appropriate IRB applications will be required for all approved Developmental Projects by February 1, 2020.

DEADLINES:  
Abstract and letter of intent: November 1, 2019  
Proposal due: November 8, 2019

PLEASE ADDRESS PROPOSALS AND ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO Dr. Krista Moulder (moulderk@wustl.edu; 286-2012; Campus Box 8111-ADRC).