Call for Developmental Project
Grant Applications

$100,000/year for up to 2 years

Letter of Intent with Specific Aims due October 15th, 2021

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 Knight 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 $100,000 direct costs; a second year of funding (also at $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. Potential applicants should discuss their proposals with appropriate Core Leaders (https://knightadrc.wustl.edu/About Us/ADRC Cores.htm) 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 apply, a letter of intent with a proposal title and an NIH-style Specific Aims page should be received electronically by the Knight ADRC office no later than Friday, October 15th, 2021.
- All letters of intent will be reviewed and ranked by the Knight ADRC Executive Committee. The most promising proposals will be invited to submit a full application (including a 4-page research strategy, budget, budget justification, and biosketch), which will be due Monday, December 6th, 2021.
- Notice of approved Developmental Project proposals will be on or before January 15th, 2022. Funding for the 2022 Developmental Project grants is part of the ADRC grant award from the National Institute on Aging and should commence May 1, 2022. A complete set of forms and appropriate IRB applications will be required for all approved Developmental Projects by February 1st, 2022.

PLEASE ADDRESS LETTERS OF INTENT AND ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO Dr. Krista Moulder (moulderk@wustl.edu; 286-2012).