

National Ataxia Foundation

Application for the Young Investigator – Spinocerebellar Ataxia Research Award

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Introduction

The National Ataxia Foundation was organized in 1957 in the state of Minnesota as a voluntary non-profit health organization. One of its primary goals is to promote and support research to find the cause, treatment, and cure for the hereditary and sporadic ataxia.

In its continuing efforts to find the cause, treatment and cure for the ataxias, the National Ataxia Foundation (NAF) provides limited, short-term financial support of ataxia research.

This application document includes NAF guidelines relevant to its research program. It should be detached from the award application and used as a reference guide to completing the actual grant application.

Description

The Young Investigator-SCA Award was created to encourage young clinical and scientific investigators to pursue a career in the field of SCA research. It is our hope that ataxia research will be invigorated by the work of young, talented individuals supported by this award. Candidates must have attained an MD or PhD degree, and have an appointment as a junior faculty member, senior post-doc or clinical fellow. Individuals at the Associate Professor level are not eligible. Clinicians must have finished their residency no more than five (5) years prior to applying

Each recipient will receive a one-year \$50,000 award. This award will be made to the sponsoring institution and can be used as salary support or for direct research expenses. Awards are for direct costs only, not for indirect costs or institutional overhead. A six-month progress report is required.

These research grants are for research projects for the spinocerebellar ataxias.

Guidelines

NEW for 2018 – the total number of pages has been reduced – one page for the Aims of the project and no more than 3 pages for background and significance, preliminary studies, with figures, and the research plan.

The National Ataxia Foundation will retain the right to unilaterally cancel any awards for non-compliance or non-performance.

Awards are not transferable.

Indirect costs are prohibited from being applied to NAF grant awards.

No-cost extensions will not be granted.

Non-complying applications will be returned without review.

Pre-Submission of Application

Please submit a brief e-mail with your intentions to apply for NAF funding, including a full title and a ½ to 1 page abstract of your research proposal (include the researchers name on the abstract), on or before August 1 to: susan@ataxia.org

Submission of Application

Candidates must submit:

- A completed research application form.
- List of past, present and pending funding including project title, funding source, and amount of funding.
- A letter of nomination from a faculty mentor confirming that appropriate resources will be available to support the project.

E-mail the completed application and letters of support as a single PDF file attachment to: susan@ataxia.org with the last name of the researcher in the subject line of the email.

Research Award and Deadline Statement

Letter of Intent Due: August 1, 2017

Application Due: Sept. 1, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. CDT

Review by Board of Directors: December 1-24

Funding of awards is based on the scientific merit score assigned to each application and the relevance to the spinocerebellar ataxias.

Written notification to applicant: December 26-31

Please do not call NAF about the status of your grant application.

Proposed project must be Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2018

Award Management And Reporting

A six-month progress report is due on July 15, 2018.

A final scientific report and a layperson summary are to be submitted to the National Ataxia Foundation electronically on May 1, 2019.

A final financial report on how the funds were used is due on May 1, 2019.

The financial report should be based on the budget submitted with this grant application. Please report how the dollars were spent, and give an explanation for any deviation from the initial budget.

The National Ataxia Foundation takes seriously its responsibility to report to its members on the use of their research contributions. Therefore, the layperson final summary will be published in the organization's

newsletter, *Generations*. This summary must be written in such a manner as to be understood by the average layperson and should not contain privileged or unpublished information.

The funding cycle is January 1 to December 31, 2018.

All applications are evaluated by a committee, appointed by NAF's Research Director, who are members of NAF's Medical and Research Advisory Board. This committee will score and prioritize all grants received by the deadline. The Board of Directors will consider their recommendations for the final approval and funding.

Change in Status of Awarded

Awards are to remain solely with the designated awardee and may not be transferred to any other personnel. If a recipient decides not to continue work in ataxia research, the award will be terminated. In the event that NAF terminated an award, the award amount will be prorated for the number of months it was in effect, and the pro-rated unused funds shall be returned to NAF. If an investigator changes institutions, the award may be transferred, contingent upon the successor institutions commitment to support the research for the full remaining term of the award.

Publications and Presentations

When a paper or exhibit by an awardee, based on the work supported by an NAF grant, is published or presented before a scientific organization, 2 copies of the paper or a description of the exhibit should be sent to the National Ataxia Foundation in a timely manner. In addition, a copy of any press releases regarding the study funded by NAF shall also be e-mailed to susan@ataxia.org

All papers, exhibits and press releases shall carry a credit line to the National Ataxia Foundation.

Inquiries

Direct all inquiries to:

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**APPLICATION FOR
YOUNG INVESTIGATOR - SCA RESEARCH AWARD
TO THE NATIONAL ATAXIA FOUNDATION**

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SECTION I – ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Applicant:	Degree:
Title or Position:	
Mentor:	Mentor Email:
Institution:	
Department:	

Mailing Address:	Telephone:
	Email:
	Fax:

Full Title of Research Proposal:
Abbreviated Title of Research Proposal:
Dates of Proposed Project: January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
Name, Title, Address of Person to Whom Checks Should be Mailed: (Electronic transfer preferred.)

The undersigned agree to 1.) Acknowledge support from the National Ataxia Foundation in any publication resulting from an award, 2.) Submit a final report and lay summary within four months after the end of the support period. Copies of reprints or manuscripts supported by this grant shall be made available to the National Ataxia Foundation.

Signature of Applicant Date

Signature of Mentor Date

Signature of Official representing the Applicant's Institution Date

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SECTION II – RESEARCH PLAN SUMMARY

Full Title of Research Proposal:

Abstract of Research Plan: (Do not exceed the space provided) This is meant to serve as a description of the proposed work when separated from the application. If funded, this may be made public so should not include confidential information.

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SECTION II – RESEARCH PLAN SUMMARY, cont. (2)

Full Title of Research Proposal:

Lay Summary: (Do not exceed the space provided) This lay summary, which should be written in such a way as to be understood by the average layperson, may be used and published as NAF sees fit.

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SECTION III – BUDGET FOR 12 MONTH GRANT PERIOD

Personnel			Amount Requested	
Name, Official Title, Department	Role on Project	% Effort	Salary	Fringe Benefits
Subtotals			\$	\$

Consultant Costs:	
	\$

Equipment (Itemize):	
	\$

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SECTION III – BUDGET FOR 12 MONTH GRANT PERIOD, cont. (2)

Supplies (Itemize briefly by category):	
	\$

Travel (explain briefly):	
	\$

Other Expenses (Itemize briefly by category):	
	\$

TOTAL DIRECT COSTS FOR PROPOSED PROJECT:	\$50,000
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Note: The National Ataxia Foundation does not allow indirect costs to be paid from funds awarded.

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SECTION IV – BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Please provide the following information for all key personnel. A copy of this page should be completed for each individual.

Name:	Position Title:
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Education/Training: Begin with baccalaureate or other professional education.

Institution & Location	Degree	Years	Field of Study

Research and Professional Experience: Concluding with present position, list in chronological order, previous employment, experience, and honors.

List, in chronological order, the titles, all authors, and complete references to all publications during the past three years, and representative earlier publications pertinent to this application. If the list of publications in the last three years exceeds two pages, select the most pertinent publications.

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SECTION V – OTHER RESEARCH SUPPORT

List all other research support of the principal investigator, including requests now being considered as well as any proposal that the principal investigator plans to submit to other potential funding resources. Also, include current or pending contracts, fellowship awards, research career awards and training grants. Amounts shown reflect total fund awarded or pending over the entire grant periods indicated in the final column.

There is no form page for other support. Information on other support should be provided in the format shown below.

Name of Individual:		
Active or Pending:		
Project Number (Principal Investigator):	Dates of Approved/ Proposed Project:	Percent Effort:
Source:	Annual Direct Costs:	
Title of Project (or subproject):		
The Major Goals of this Project are:		
Overlap (summarized for each individual):		

Applicant:
Abbreviated Title of Research Proposal:

SECTION VI – RESEARCH PLAN

1. Summary of specific aims (1 page)
2. Background and significance *
3. Preliminary studies, with figures *
4. Research plan *
5. A letter from the mentor should outline a program of studies for the applicant and delineate the candidate’s future plans.
6. Literature cited
7. Consultant and collaborative arrangements (if applicable)
8. Human subjects information (if applicable)
9. Laboratory animals (if applicable)

***Items 2–4 may not exceed 3 pages. (10–12-point font size)**

Please email the completed application as a single PDF attachment to susan@ataxia.org with the last name of the researcher in the subject line of the e-mail. Electronic signatures will be accepted.

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