



Pioneer SCA/SCA3 Translational Research Award

Sponsored by the National Ataxia Foundation

Description - The National Ataxia Foundation (NAF) invites proposals, under a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process, to award two grants focusing on research investigations that will facilitate the development of treatments for the Spinocerebellar Ataxias.

Funding will be for one year from March 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020. The total grant per award is \$100,000. Two applications will be awarded funding: one grant for Spinocerebellar ataxia type 3/Machado Joseph Disease and one grant for any other type of Spinocerebellar ataxia. Indirect costs are not allowed to be paid from this grant award.

Each application must include the project objectives and a lay summary that will be used as NAF wishes and should not contain confidential information. The other parts of the grant application are considered confidential and will only be released to members of the review committee, the NAF staff and NAF Board of Directors.

Applications will be accepted from for-profit organizations, non-profit organizations, public or private institutions, and institutions both inside and outside the United States. This award is meant for established ataxia researchers. Applications will be accepted from researchers who are United States citizens and non-U.S. citizens.

If you have questions about the grant requirements, you may call Sue Hagen at 763-231-2742.

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proposalCENTRAL is an e-grantmaking website shared by government, non-profit, and private grant-making organizations. If you have questions about creating a user account, registration on the site or how to apply for a grant, contact the customer support hotline at 800-875-2562 (Toll-free U.S. and Canada), +1-703-964-5840 (Direct Dial International) or by email at pcsupport@altum.com

The National Ataxia Foundation will use proposalCENTRAL to facilitate the research grant application submission and review process. This document includes NAF policies and guidelines relevant to its research program, however the instructions to submit a letter of intent and the full application is on the proposalCENTRAL website.

A user account must be created to utilize the proposalCENTRAL online portal to submit letters of intent and applications. Use this weblink <https://proposalcentral.altum.com/> to create an account. This can be done any time prior to submitting a Letter of Intent to apply.

Letter of Intent

Using the proposalCENTRAL online portal, please submit a full title and a one-page scientific abstract of your research proposal, on or before October 15, 2018

Submission of Application

Using the proposalCENTRAL online portal, please submit the full application on or before November 15, 2018. Dates of proposed project should be March 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020.

Important Dates

Letter of intent deadline: October 15, 2018

Application deadline: November 15, 2018

Funds dispersed: By February 28, 2019

Review Process

All applications are reviewed and evaluated by a review committee, selected by NAF's Research Director. Members of NAF's Medical and Research Advisory Board participate in the review. The review committee will score and prioritize all grants received by the deadline and make funding recommendations. The Board of Directors will consider the recommendations and make the final approval and funding determinations.

Written notification of awards will be sent in late February 2019. Please do not call NAF about the status of your grant.

Funding of awards will be based on the priority score assigned to each application based on scientific merit, the relevance to SCA3 or other SCAs and the translational aspect of the research project. Two Pioneer grants will be awarded funding.