



PRIVATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: AUG 12, 2016

Please contact Corporate & Foundation Relations in the Office of Development at devcfr@mgh.harvard.edu if you wish to submit a proposal in response to any of these opportunities. Note that proposals are still routed through the standard InfoEd/Research Management process.

1. Grants, Ataxia UK

Ataxia UK funds research of relevance to ataxia. Specifically it will only consider funding research into conditions in which ataxia is the principle symptom, and in which the ataxia is likely to be progressive. This includes conditions such as Friedreich's ataxia, the spinocerebellar ataxias and other cerebellar ataxias (including idiopathic ones). It does not include conditions such as multiple sclerosis, ataxic cerebral palsy, or other conditions in which ataxic symptoms are present as the result of another underlying condition.

Funds can be available for research into all aspects of ataxia, and particular areas of importance and priority are advised by Ataxia UK's Scientific Advisory Committee and outlined in Ataxia UK's Research strategy. These will include, as well as scientific and medical research, research into supportive treatments aimed at alleviating symptoms, such as physiotherapy, speech and occupational therapy.

Because Ataxia UK is a small charity, it prefers to fund a variety of relatively short projects to the point where grant-holders can realistically seek funds from elsewhere, although it may consider continuation funding, and it will jointly fund projects with other grant-awarding bodies in order to create centres of excellence which will make a major impact on a range of ataxias.

Award Amount: Up to £70,000 GBP for up to 3 years

Pre-Application Deadline: Oct 18, 2016

Website: <https://www.ataxia.org.uk/news/apply-for-a-grant>

2. Target Advancement Program, Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF)

MJFF believes that a major hurdle in the development of promising treatments for Parkinson's disease is the need for well-validated targets linked to the disease process. By promoting critical target validation studies within academic and industry laboratories, MJFF investments can help de-risk subsequent drug development and ultimately accelerate the creation of innovative therapies for Parkinson's patients. Part of our Edmond J. Safra Core Programs for PD Research,



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the Target Advancement program seeks to build robust evidence to rationalize biological pathways and targets for further translation into new Parkinson's treatments.

Target Advancement Awards support research characterizing promising, novel PD-relevant targets or continuing target biology work on established PD targets. Preferred targets for this program already demonstrate links to PD in human patient populations. These awards are well-suited to projects where hypothetical or experimental rationale for a target is compelling but limited, and study results can make the case for continuing (or discontinuing) a line of research.

Research Models

MJFF invites projects designed to assess emerging PD targets in pre-clinical models, human cellular models, and human tissue and fluid matrices.

Biological Mechanisms

Target Advancement Awards also support projects addressing roadblocks and knowledge gaps in understanding biological mechanisms associated with established PD targets already supported by a strong body of validation data: alpha-synuclein, LRRK2, GBA, Nurr1, parkin/pink1 and trophic factors. Proposals will be reviewed in the context of existing MJFF investments in these areas.

Award Amount: \$100,000 for 1 year

Preliminary Proposal Deadline: Oct 19, 2016

Website: <https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=27>

3. Research Grants, Nutricia Research Foundation

The basic activity of the Foundation to fulfill its mission is supplying grants for nutrition related research projects.

Applications for research grants, are reviewed on the basis of the originality of the project, the definition of a clear study hypothesis, the appropriateness of the experimental design, the feasibility of the research plan and the relevance to nutrition. Where appropriate, applicants are encouraged to show power and sample size calculations in full, and seek help from statisticians if needed.

Award Amount: €50,000 EUR

Application Deadline: Sep 16, 2016

Website: <http://www.nutricia-research-foundation.org/Researchgrants.htm>