

# THE FOUNDATION OF THE ASNR



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## PROSPECTUS:

### ◆ *Boerger Research Fund in Alzheimer's Disease and Neurocognitive Disorders (\$75,000)*

### ◆ POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

#### PURPOSE

The American Society of Neuroradiology funds imaging-based research that advance our understanding of Alzheimer's disease, help identify new treatment strategies, provide information to improve care for people with dementia, and further our knowledge of brain health and disease prevention. This award supports investigators at every professional stage and is specifically designed to help talented young scientists establish careers in Alzheimer's imaging research. All proposals must have a clear focus on Alzheimer's disease and may also include other neurodegenerative diseases. Ultimately, the goal of this program is to translate the research into strategies to increase understanding of the mechanism of Alzheimer's disease to help stratify populations and possible treatments. Therefore, animal studies are not appropriate for this request for applications (RFA). Submissions from collaborative research that have experience across aging and neurodegenerative diseases are strongly encouraged. Novel and creative ideas are sought, and proposals should also demonstrate feasibility.

#### ELIGIBILITY

A candidate must be a member of ASNR in good standing with an MD or DO degree, and must be board-certified or board-eligible in Radiology by either the American Board of Radiology or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RSPSC). A candidate must have completed a residency in Diagnostic Radiology and be enrolled in or have completed an ACGME-approved fellowship in Neuroradiology or a fellowship in Pediatric Neuroradiology by the award period. Junior faculty are encouraged to apply.

If a junior faculty, the candidate must be under the direct supervision of an ASNR *Senior* Member, who is willing to act as mentor and project supervisor.

#### RESEARCH AWARD ACTIVITIES

A. The award will be approved for one year.

- B. Preference will be given to innovative proposals that are felt likely to advance the field of neuroradiology or our understanding of fundamental aspects of physiology or pathophysiology through neuroradiology research. Research may involve any aspect of neuroradiology and may include for instance projects related to: technology assessment, patient outcomes, health services research, physiological neuroimaging using PWI, fMRI, DTI/HARDI, ASL, MR spectroscopy, PET, MEG, CT or MR related techniques and multimodal technology; or the development or evaluation of interventional and therapeutic procedures in neuroradiology. Meta-analyses will also be considered. Retrospective reviews will be considered less favorable.

A list of prior awardees may be found at:

<https://foundation.asnr.org/page/grant-recipients/2016-alzheimers-imaging-research-program-grant-recipients/>

- C. The research proposal must have a clearly stated, testable hypothesis and well-developed aims.
- D. An itemized budget is required as part of the award proposal submission. Funds (up to the maximum of the award) may be apportioned as required by the investigator but must be briefly justified in the application. Examples of fund use might include but are not limited to: (I) salary support for protected research time for the investigator, (ii) salary support for associated staff (e.g. research assistants and/or PhD collaborators), (iii) appropriate equipment and/or scanner time access, and combinations of the above.**
- E. If applicable, the ASNR *Senior* Member who is the mentor should be an individual with expertise in research or teaching in health services research, functional neuroimaging, interventional neuroradiology, or other area related to the proposed project. This mentor will serve to guide the project and must be willing to take responsibility for its performance and completion. A letter of support from the mentor detailing the program should be submitted with the application.
- F. The goal of this program is to seed fund investigators with a long-term goal of sustained federal or foundation funding. Applicants should carefully review the requirements for NIH awards on the following website: <http://grants.nih.gov/>, before submitting the application for the Foundation awards. Preference will be given to those projects which demonstrate potential for external funding beyond the Foundation funding period.

## LOCATION OF STUDY

- A. Strong consideration will be given to applicants from departments and institutions that show a commitment to the applicant's career development.
- B. The parent institution must demonstrate adequate resources and facilities to carry out the terms of the project. Specific involvement by experts outside of Radiology will be looked upon favorably. A letter of support from the Department Chairman is required.

## CONDITION OF APPOINTMENT

- A. The total award amount is up to \$75,000 per year (direct costs only), which will be paid in two equal installments on July 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the award. **Any portion of the award not utilized should be returned to The Foundation of the ASNR. The proposed allocation of award resources (salary support and other research costs) should be specified in a detailed line-item budget submitted with the full proposal.**
- B. The funding will go directly to the Institution or the department of Radiology as direct costs only. No overhead or indirect costs are provided.
- C. Bi-yearly updates due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and the 1<sup>st</sup> of July within the year of the award cycle must be submitted in writing to The Foundation of the ASNR. These are not to exceed one page. The progress report should summarize the specific aims and the progressed achieved, explain any significant changes to the specific aims, new directions to be undertaken due to those changes, and expenditures to date. Any publications, patents, or other material related to the funded research should be included on a separate page and submitted separately. The final report should include the above with the additional summary if a publication, patent, or grant is being or will be prepared using the results obtained from this Foundation grant. In the final report, a second page should be submitted separately describing the clinical impact of the results of the research, the strengths and weakness of the Foundation grant program, and the role that the Foundation or ASNR had, has, or might have in their future. In addition, a Return on Investment Survey will be emailed to recipient 3 and 5 years after receiving grant.
- D. The recipient will present his/her research at the ASNR 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in New York, NY, May 13-17, 2022.
- E. The *American Journal of Neuroradiology (AJNR)* welcomes the best science and encourages publication submissions to *AJNR* before considering other journals.
- F. Applicants who have held any of the Foundation of the ASNR Research Awards, the RSNA Research Scholar, Research Fellow, or Research Seed Grant Award, GERRAF, or ARRS Grant Award in the past must declare their previous awards on the application. The applicant is considered ineligible if they are or will concurrently be holding any of previously mentioned grants, while applying to or holding a grant from the Foundation of the ASNR.

- G. **Note: while institutional IRB approval is not required at the time of award proposal submission, IRB approval must be submitted to ASNR before fund disbursement for all award recipients.**
- H. No award will be made without prior confirmation from the Program Director or Department Chair that the applicant's proposal will be supported in full by the host institution, including any issue related to cost sharing.
- I. This award may be transferred to another institution, following approval by The Foundation of the ASNR for the designated individual, provided the new institution abides by the original agreement and the awardee is able to carry out the proposed work in the new setting. This request must be submitted in writing to The Foundation of the ASNR at least 30 days prior to the transfer. Each institution sponsoring the awardee will receive a portion of the funding that is in proportion to the length of time that research was performed at their institution. In the event that a decision is made by The Foundation of the ASNR not to allow transfer of the award to another institution, the original institution sponsoring the awardee will receive funds that are proportionate to the length of time the research project was performed at that institution.
- J. A No-Cost Extension of the terms of the grant may be requested to extend the research period up to 12 months beyond the original ending date. Approval of an extension does not include the awarding of additional funds. A request for an extension must be made in writing to the Chairs of the ASNR Research Committee. The request must state the reason(s) for the extension, length of extension requested, and review the progress in the original grant period. Requests must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the original ending date. Interim reports must be submitted every six months during the extension period. **Please note that only one No-cost extension request will be considered per project.**
- K. The award is not transferable to another individual.

## **SELECTION METHOD**

- A. Awards will be designated and administered by The Foundation of the ASNR.
- B. The Research Committee of ASNR, or its designate, will provide review and recommendations to the Foundation for the recipient of the award. Preference will be given to innovative proposals that are felt likely to advance the field of neuroradiology or our understanding of fundamental aspects of physiology or pathophysiology through neuroradiology research.
- C. Applications from senior and junior scientists will not be reviewed separately, but special consideration will be given to applicants who are within 5 years of their fellowship.

## APPLICATION SCHEDULE

- A. The deadline for receipt of letters of intent is 9:00 AM Central Standard Time (CST), Monday, November 2, 2020. These should be one-page abstracts of the research proposal, submitted electronically via Survey Monkey applied.

**Please visit <https://asnr.smapply.io> to submit your LOI by creating an account and logging-on to select the award for which you would like to apply.**

- B. The deadline for receipt of full proposal submissions is 9:00 AM Central Standard Time (CST), Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Full proposals should also be submitted via [asnr.smapply.io](https://asnr.smapply.io)

- C. Selection of award recipients will be in early spring, with subsequent notification of the recipient and institution. All those with interests in the award, or employees of an institution that may be involved in the award, shall recuse themselves from voting on such applications. If applications are received from the institutions of the Research Committee Co-chairs, the Co-chair(s) will recuse themselves the responsibility of coordinating review of the applications from their home institution.

- D. Please visit FAQ section of the Foundation of the ASNR website at <https://foundation.asnr.org/page/awards/faq/> for further clarifications.

- E. In May/June 2021, the Foundation Research Awards announcement will be made via E-News and posted on the ASNR and Foundation of the ASNR websites. The recipient will present his/her research at the ASNR 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in New York, NY, May 13-17, 2022, and receive an invitation to the President's Reception during that same time.