

AFSA - Research Grants 2025

Descrição

AFSA (<https://www.afsafund.org/more.htm>) was formed as a 501(c)3 charity in 1994, at a time when the NIH was spending less than a penny a patient on fibromyalgia research. While the U.S. government's track record on fibro has improved, AFSA remains the only nonprofit dedicated to funding fibromyalgia research.

Testing therapies that may greatly benefit people with fibromyalgia is a top priority for AFSA (https://www.afsafund.org/GrantApp/AFSAGrant2008_Intro.pdf). In fact, we funded the ground-breaking treatment trial of low-dose naltrexone, which was shown to be more effective for fibromyalgia than any of the FDA-approved drugs for the condition. However, the long-term goal of better treatments will strongly rely upon an improved understanding of what is occurring on a biochemical basis.

With AFSA's financial assistance (https://www.fibromyalgiafund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/GrantApplicationInstructions_2025-1.pdf), we are hopeful that the following questions can be answered about fibromyalgia:

1. What are the mechanisms involved in producing the body-wide pain?
2. Why do patients wake up from a night's sleep feeling stiff, achy, and tired? What is happening in the brain at night to make sleep so unrefreshing?
3. How is the extreme fatigue and brain fog (jumbled thoughts and memory impairments) related to the abnormal physiology of fibromyalgia?
4. To what degree does treatment of muscular knots lead to reduced overall pain and improved function?
5. What is the most effective therapy for targeting the muscle pain in fibromyalgia patients?
6. Are there medications used for other conditions that should be evaluated for treating people with fibromyalgia?
7. Can laboratory tests be used to accurately identify or diagnose patients?
8. Also, can this information be used to determine disease severity or aid in predicting more successful treatments for individual patients?

Data Limite

March 1, 2025.

Elegibilidade

Potential applicants for AFSA funding should meet the following requirements and budget constraints:

1. The Principal Investigator (PI) must be fluent in English and, ideally, published in peer-reviewed English language medical journals. If applicant resides outside the United States, please indicate the budget in U.S. dollars.
2. The PI must be a board certified "M.D.", "D.O.", or "D.D.S." or a Ph.D. with applicable basic science research experience. If the applicant has not previously published in a peer-reviewed medical journal, AFSA strongly recommends that the applicant team up with a co-PI with research experience.
3. An application may be submitted with an institutional review board (IRB) pending, but the IRB must be approved before the project can be funded.
4. All funded projects must be capable of testing your hypothesis without reliance upon another funding source. AFSA is open to funding tag-ons to NIH-funded projects, but the AFSA portion must be clearly defined with a study hypothesis.
5. The methodology used to determine the required sample size for the proposed study must be provided.
6. No institutional overhead or other indirect costs will be paid and should not be included as part of any grant request. A letter to your institution explaining this condition can be requested if needed.
7. Beware that substantive equipment costs or salaries for the PI and co-PI may jeopardize project funding. AFSA awards are intended for the collection of preliminary data needed to assist investigators with obtaining much larger sums of money from the NIH or other financial institutions.
8. AFSA does not fund studies related to behavioral, psychosocial, self-help, or movement therapies. If you are assessing a medication that is commonly prescribed for patients, then your project should provide new insights about the drug's mechanism of action.

Valor Financiado

\$425,000

Forma de Solicitação

Scientists are encouraged to submit an Letter of Intent (LOI) prior to preceding to the application phase. LOIs should be e-mailed to Kristin Thorson (kthorson@afsafund.org).

Submissions must contain three PDF files: the Research Grant Forms (https://www.fibromyalgiafund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/AFSA-Grant-Application-7-Pages_2025.pdf), the Main Body, and the Conditions of Award.

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Home Page

<https://www.fibromyalgiafund.org/grant-guidelines/> (<https://www.fibromyalgiafund.org/grant-guidelines/>)

Fonte

As informações descritas acima foram obtidas na homepage da Financiadora.

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