

vii. The Senator Mark Hatfield Award for Clinical Research in Alzheimer's Disease

Competition objectives: When Senator Mark Hatfield announced his retirement from the United States Senate in 1996, the Alzheimer's Association established the Hatfield Award for Clinical Research to honor his long commitment to Alzheimer's disease research, especially clinical investigations. In 1996 and 1997, the Association selected a recipient of the Hatfield Award from among those investigators who had submitted an application in response to another Association program announcement. In 1998, it was decided to announce the program and seek applications specifically for the Hatfield Award. To be considered responsive to the program announcement, the research grant application must focus on a clinical question or questions in interventions for Alzheimer's disease.

The Alzheimer's Association recognizes the need to increase the number of scientists from underrepresented groups in the research enterprise. Researchers from these groups are encouraged to apply.

Funding and award period: We anticipate funding one award under this program. The total award is limited to \$225,000 (direct and indirect costs) for up to three years. Requests in any given year may not exceed \$112,500 (direct and indirect costs). Indirect costs are capped at 10 percent (rent for laboratory/office space is expected to be covered by indirect costs paid to the institution).

Eligibility: The Hatfield Award is aimed at those investigators whose goal is to establish research careers focused on clinical issues in Alzheimer's disease.

Deadlines and award dates: **Letters of intent must be received by 5:00 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME, December 1, 2009.** Letters of intent will not be accepted after this date. No exceptions will be made.

Applications must be received by 5:00 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME, January 7, 2010. Scientific and technical review will be conducted from February through May 2010.

The second-level review by the Medical and Scientific Advisory Council will be conducted during June 2010. Funding will be awarded by July 2010.

Mechanism of award, reporting requirements and allowable costs: The mechanism of award is the individual research grant. The maximum duration of the award is three years. Annual progress and financial reports are required. Continuation of the grant over the awarded duration is contingent upon the timely receipt of scientific progress and financial reports.

Budget: A "budget summary" for the proposed research project is required and must be submitted with the application and within the allowable page limits. However, if the application is to be awarded, a more detailed budget will be required and must be

approved before the disbursement of funds. **Your budget must not exceed the maximum amount of the award (\$225,000 for Hatfield).**

Allowable costs under this award:

- It is required that most of the funds awarded under this program be used for direct research support.

Other allowable costs include:

- Purchase and care of laboratory animals
- Small pieces of laboratory equipment and laboratory supplies
- Computer software if used strictly for data collection
- Salary for the principal investigator, scientific (including postdoctoral fellows) and technical staff (including laboratory technicians and modest secretarial support)
- Support for travel to scientific and professional meetings, not to exceed \$1,000 per year

Costs not allowed under this award include:

- Computer hardware or standard software (e.g. Microsoft Office)
- Construction or renovation costs
- Rent for laboratory/office space
- Tuition

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