

### iii. Investigator-Initiated Research Grant (IIRG)

**Competition objectives:** The Investigator-Initiated Research Grant forms the backbone of the Alzheimer's Association International Research Grant Program. To be considered responsive, the research grant application must address a question or questions relevant to the 2012 areas of focus (see Section II) or a compelling issue in Alzheimer research pertinent to the applicant's special interest or expertise. The IIRG program is the largest grant program (by applications) of the Association's International Research Grant Program. The awards made through the IIRG mechanism are significantly competitive.

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. **Note: The Senator Mark Hatfield Award for Clinical Research in Alzheimer's Disease is no longer offered as a separate program. The highest ranking clinical or social behavioral IIRG will be funded under this award.**

**Funding and award period:** The Association anticipates funding up to 30 awards under the IIRG program. Each total award is limited to \$240,000 (direct and indirect costs) for up to three years. Requests in any given year may not exceed \$100,000 (direct and indirect). 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:** Researchers with full-time staff or faculty appointments are encouraged to apply. **IIRG applications from post-doctoral candidates will not be accepted.**

**Deadlines and award dates:** **Letters of Intent must be received by 5:00 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME, December 20, 2011.** 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, February 7, 2012.**

Scientific and technical review will be conducted from March through June 2012. The second-level review by the Medical and Scientific Advisory Council will be conducted during June 2012. Funding will be awarded by late July/early August 2012.

**Mechanism of award and reporting requirements:** The mechanism of award is the individual research grant. The maximum duration of the award is three years. Annual scientific progress and financial reports are required. Continuation of the grant over the awarded duration is contingent upon the timely submission of interim 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, \$240,000 or \$100,000 per year.**

**Allowable costs under this award:**

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

**Allowable costs under this award 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 post-doctoral fellows) and technical staff (including laboratory technicians and administrative support related directly to the funded project)
- Travel to scientific and professional meetings, not to exceed \$1,000 per year

**Costs not allowed under this award include:**

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

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