

Funder in Action: A Collaborative Grants Workshop

Friday, July 25, 2025 | 1-5 p.m.

Westin Harbour Castle-Harbour C — Toronto, Canada

All times are in Eastern Standard Time

In-person attendance only

Overview

The workshop will provide you with a dynamic session with representatives from funding organizations, currently funded awardees and active reviewers sharing their tips, tools and real world experiences on pursuing funding for AD/ADRD research. These funding agencies will generously share their insights, providing you with a comprehensive understanding of the strategies that lead to successful funding acquisition. What sets this session apart is its hands-on approach, allowing you to immerse yourself in the practical aspects of the funding process. Moreover, this session offers a unique chance to directly connect with program officers and teams representing a diverse array of funding agencies. Building these connections provides a rare opportunity to gain insights into the specific priorities and expectations of different funding bodies, thus enabling you to tailor your proposals more effectively.

Organizing Committee

- Heather Snyder, Ph.D.
- Oihane Uriarte Huarte, Ph.D.

Target Audience

This ISTAART immersive workshop is designed for individuals at the beginner and intermediate levels in research.

Learning Objectives

1. Learn about funding program opportunities from different funders, including the Alzheimer's Association, and understand what reviewers take into consideration on a submitted project. Develop improved specific aims/LOI for funding opportunities. Network and meet reviewers, program officers and different funding agencies.

Registration

Educational workshops are offered for in-person attendance only. Workshops may require a separate registration fee in addition to AAIC full conference registration, or they may be purchased as stand-alone events. **Register for this workshop [here](#).**

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Time	Session Details	Speakers and Moderator
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch (<i>Westin Metropolitan Ballroom</i>)	
1:00-1:05 pm	Welcome & Introduction	Heather Snyder
1:05-2:10 pm	Funders Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Jane Rylett) • Brain Canada Foundation (Pamelia Kanellis) • Alzheimer's Society of Canada (Laila Ali) • National Institute on Aging at NIH (Maria G. Carranza) • Lewy Body Dementia Association (LBDA) (Keith Fargo) • Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease (MJFF) (Olivia Devine) • Association of Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) (Penny Dacks) • Research Education Components of ADRCs (REC at ADRCs) (Elizabeth Head) • Alzheimer's Association (Oihane Uriarte Huarte)

2:10-2:45 pm	Funders Panel	Moderated by Heather Snyder
2:45-3:00 pm	Break	
3:00-3:45 pm	Reviewers & Awardees Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Erica Diminich • Dr. Charles DeCarli • Dr. Elizabeth Head • Dr. Marcia Gordon
3:45-4:30 pm	Discussion with Program Officers and Reviewers (optional)	<i>Join program officers and researcher panelists for discussion.</i>
4:30 pm	Closing Remarks	Heather Snyder