

ISTAART Immersives: The Other Side of the Table: A Mock Grant Peer-Review Panel for Early Career Researchers

Saturday, July 11, 2026 | 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Arora 14, 17 — InterContinental — London, United Kingdom
All times are in British Summer Time
In-person attendance only

Overview

Securing funding is critical to continuing research. The ability to secure funding is an essential skill required to grow as an independent researcher leading a lab and is something all researchers must continually hone. In an ever-changing and competitive funding environment, it is important to consider what early career researchers (ECRs) need to understand in order to increase their chances of successfully obtaining funding. Toward that end, a major gap has been identified that this team proposes to address – learning the processes and conversations that happen during grant reviews has been reported to significantly contribute to improved grantsmanship and success.

To provide guidance, the Association grants team would like to propose an event divided into two parts. The first part will be a hands-on session where attendees, together with established researchers in the field with great experience in grant writing and review, will be part of a mock grants review panel session. The attendees will get insights into how these sessions are and what are the points to consider when writing their applications. Following the mock review session, attendees will have the opportunity to discuss, provide feedback, and engage with former and current Alzheimer's Association awardees and reviewers.

Organizing Committee

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

Target Audience

This ISTAART immersive workshop is designed for researchers at the beginner and intermediate levels.

Learning Objectives

- Learn grantsmanship tips and tricks.
- Provide insight into how grants are reviewed for investigators who may not have had a chance to be a grants reviewer yet. We've heard a lot of feedback about how this is integral to eventual success obtaining grants from early career researchers.
- Provide networking opportunities with funders and senior investigators to learn about navigating the transition to independent funding.

Registration

Pre-conferences are offered for in-person attendance only. Preconferences require a separate registration fee in addition to AAIC full conference registration, or they may be purchased as stand-alone events. Visit alz.org/AAIC.

Note. This workshop requires an on your own preworkshop activity to be completed prior to the workshop for maximum attendee benefit.

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Time	Session Details	Speakers and Moderator
1:00-1:20 pm	Welcome, introduction to the review session	Sarah Fontaine, Oihane Uriarte Huarte
1:20-3:00 pm	Mock Grant Review Panel	Sarah Fontaine, Oihane Uriarte Huarte, mentors
3:00-3:30 pm	Break	
3:30-3:55 pm	Mock panel feedback and Q&A	Oihane Uriarte Huarte
3:55-4:05 pm	Grants funding from the Alzheimer's Association	Sarah Fontaine, Oihane Uriarte Huarte
4:05-4:55 pm	#Alzfunded awardee and reviewer panel discussion	Sarah Fontaine
4:55-5:00 pm	Feedback collection	