

MACKLER-GODING FOUNDATION ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE GRANT PROGRAM

The Mackler-Goding Foundation is a small 501(c)3, family foundation that supports translational research and informational projects in Alzheimer's Disease (AD). The goal of the Foundation is to facilitate the application of research into AD patient benefits, as well as to provide information on specific areas of AD critical to educate AD patients and their families as to rapidly evolving clinical issues. The average Foundation grant size is from \$20,000 - \$30,000 per one year grant, with the opportunity, if sufficient progress is made, for continuing support in subsequent years. These grants can be used to augment other awarded grant funds (NIH, DOD, private foundations, institutional grants, etc.) which are funding ongoing projects that the Foundation grants supplement.

The Foundation would welcome AD projects, which funding would help to move the research into AD patient benefits, such as early diagnostic testing programs, development of new AD markers, promising therapies – dietary supplements/nutraceuticals, use in expanding promising clinical studies, providing AD information critical to patients/families in educating them on AD issues impacting on their decisions, and other projects which benefit AD patients.

The information to be provided below is expected to be sufficiently detailed to convey the underlying scientific basis for the grant, for the experienced reviewers, several with NIH study section experience, to make an analysis and recommendation to the Board for consideration of funding of the grant. At present the Foundation makes an annual solicitation of grant applications, has a 1-2 month period of grant evaluation by reviewers, with funding within about 90 days after the date of submission.

Grantees are expected to provide at the end of the one year grant period a substantive report on the progress made on meeting their specific aims and provide a rationale for why the Foundation should consider continued funding of the project.

Applications should be mailed to:

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Suggested Grant Application Format

You are welcome to use the application format provided below, written in only 4-7 pages, using the NIH format in terms of font size and margins. A new grant application using the below format will be required for subsequent funding in the subsequent year.

1) Applicant Information

- a) Applicant (Project Director)
 - i) Name
 - ii) Address
 - iii) Academic affiliations
 - iv) Educational backgrounds and training
 - Attach curriculum vitae
 - v) Prior history of successful grants
 - Grant name and summary (2-3 sentences)
 - Funding level
- b) Grant Project Summary (2-4 paragraphs) – Scientific
- c) Non-scientific Grant Project Summary – for non-scientific summary

2) Other Personnel Involved

- a) Name
- b) Academic affiliations
- c) Summary of training and relevant experience (2-3 paragraphs)
- d) Attach curriculum vitae
- e) List of Awarded Grants:
 - i) grant title, amount of award and duration
 - ii) Awarding Institution
 - iii) Summary (2-3 sentences only)

3) Budget

- a) Direct Costs
 - i) Personnel
 - ii) Supplies
 - iii) Equipment
- b) Indirect costs
 - i) Institutional costs (overhead, fees,)¹

¹ As a policy the Foundation discourages such Indirect costs, given the small size of the grant awards.

- 4) **Research Plan** (1/2 – 1 page)
 - a) Significance
 - b) Specific Aims
 - c) Introduction
 - d) Strength of Research Premise(s)

- 5) **Innovation** (1-2 paragraphs)

- 6) **Preliminary Data** (1/2 – 1 page)

- 7) **Pitfalls & Alternatives** (2-3 paragraphs)

- 8) **Critical References** (limit to 6-10)

- 9) **Commercialization Strategy** (1/2 – 1 page)
 - a) Value and impact of successful research to AD patients in terms of potential expected outcomes.
 - b) How do you plan to provide these potential benefits to AD patients?
 - i) What is the market for the expected product?
 - ii) What is the competition for the expected product?
 - c) Regulatory strategy to get product of research to AD patients²

² *The principals of the Foundation will be available to provide free confidential FDA regulatory consultations to successful grant candidates to facilitate their efforts to navigate the FDA – device, diagnostic, drug, biologic, dietary supplement/nutraceutical – regulatory pathways to achieve translational applications of their research.*