



NTSAD Launches Next Round of Research Funding: Seeking Proposals

Pre-application (Letter of Intent) Deadline: February 18, 2022

For 65 years, NTSAD, one of the oldest patient advocacy groups, has supported rare families and advanced research. [Today, NTSAD announces the next round of research funding via the Research Initiative Program inviting proposals from academics and researchers.](#)

Since 2002 NTSAD's Research Initiative has awarded more than \$4 million in seed grants that have been leveraged to more than \$30 million of additional investments leading to potential new therapies for Tay-Sachs, Canavan, GM1, and Sandhoff diseases. As a result, there have been many advances including eight active clinical trials specifically addressing these diseases.

NTSAD, along with partners [Cure Tay-Sachs Foundation](#) (CTSF) and [Blu Genes Foundation](#), are soliciting grant proposals that align with their missions and grant-making priorities.*



Grants will be awarded to novel research projects that involve basic research, translational studies, or clinical studies that focus on Tay-Sachs, Canavan, GM1, and Sandhoff diseases and generate strong preliminary data that will attract significant funding from other sources.

Projects that cover all aspects of therapeutic discovery and those that focus on understanding the pathophysiology and the role of inflammation, or the process of myelination and how it is affected by the disease are of particular interest.



2022 Research Initiative Program grant amounts are significantly higher than awards made in past years with one-year grants of up to \$70,000 or two-year grants of up to \$140,000 for two years, inclusive of indirect costs not to exceed 5%. Funding for the second year of a two-year grant is contingent upon adequate progress made in the first year.

Requests for funding from NTSAD's Research Initiative Program will adhere to a two-step application process: a one-page pre-application letter of intent, followed by a full application. **Please note the opportunity to submit a full application is by invitation only.**

[For more information interested applicants should review the Request for Proposal \(RFP\) which outlines 2022 funding priorities and the application process.](#)

The deadline to submit a one-page pre-application (letter of intent) is February 18, 2022.

Members of NTSAD's [Scientific Advisory Council](#) and [Corporate Advisory Council](#) will review the pre-applications.

In March 2022, a select group of applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by April 1, 2022 for further peer review and funding consideration.

Evaluation of full grant applications will be made by NTSAD's Research Committee, a subset of its Scientific Advisory Council along with other scientific experts. Final approval will be made by NTSAD's Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

NTSAD's Research Initiative grant awards will be announced in June 2022. The funding period may commence as early as July 1, 2022, pending awarded institutions' agreements and compliance with NTSAD's research grant policies.

Any questions related to the Research Initiative Program and application process may be directed to Valerie Greger, Ph.D., NTSAD's Research Director.

**Please note CTSF and Blu Genes' funding priorities are limited to research relating to Tay-Sachs and Sandhoff disease (GM2 gangliosidosis) and gene therapy research for rare disease, with a priority for Tay-Sachs, respectively.*

NTSAD leads the worldwide fight to treat and cure Tay-Sachs, Canavan, GM1, and Sandhoff diseases by driving research, forging collaboration, and fostering community. Supporting families is the center of everything we do.

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