

# Alzheimer Disease Research Pilot Awards

The ***Rochester Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research (RCADR)***, in conjunction with the ***Ernest J. Del Monte Institute for Neuroscience***, announces the availability of Pilot and Feasibility awards (up to \$50,000 per award) for basic science and translational projects that advance our understanding of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The awarded funds are intended to enable new and established investigators to generate preliminary data that will lead to competitive applications for extramural funding. Alzheimer's disease represents a uniquely challenging problem with enormous impact in our aging society. Thus, RCARD emphasizes innovative approaches to novel research questions. In many cases we expect that these approaches will be multidisciplinary, leveraging skillsets and techniques across research laboratories and traditional institutional boundaries.

An internal review committee will work with a panel of independent external reviewers to determine the most competitive projects for support. The Program is administered through the Del Monte Institute for Neuroscience.

# RCADR Request for Pilot Award Applications, 2018

## Application Process

### Alzheimer's Disease Pilot Grants

The RCADR grant program supports research that enhances our understanding of the causes, diagnoses or treatments of Alzheimer's disease and related dementing disorders. Applications may request **up to \$50,000** for these one year proposals. We anticipate awarding a minimum of 3 grants this year. Principal investigators must be full-time faculty members. For investigators not already part of the broad neuroscience community at the University of Rochester, collaboration with neuroscientists is encouraged.

Applications should be modeled after a short NIH research proposal (e.g. R03, R21), and submitted with the following:

- **Cover letter** with title, investigators, and (if applicable) a description of how the research objectives cross disciplines to build new directions and areas of expertise among the investigators
- **Research description** (*limited to 6 pages*) including Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Studies, Research Design and Methods
- **Supporting materials** (Human Subjects, Vertebrate Animals, and Literature Cited) can follow on additional pages
- **Budget** (detailed, *not* modular) with justification (faculty salary support is specifically excluded)
- **Bio-sketches** of all Co-Investigators and key personnel
- **Other Support**
- **Resources and Environment**

Review will emphasize:

- The **likelihood of a subsequently successful application for extramural support** (e.g. new NIH RO1)
- The **significance** and **innovation** of the proposed project

### Application Submission Deadlines

Please send applications by email as a single pdf file attachment to: [Kathleen\\_Jensen@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Kathleen_Jensen@urmc.rochester.edu)

Address all other questions about applications to: [Kerry\\_OBanion@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Kerry_OBanion@urmc.rochester.edu)

The application deadline is **5.00 pm** on Monday March 5, 2018

Committee Review will be completed in roughly a month, with **funding scheduled to begin in May**.