

# Updates from the Alzheimer's Association: Funding, Collaboration & Convening Opportunities

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Vision: A world without  
**Alzheimer's disease and  
all other dementia.**



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# Our Research Strategy

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- Dynamic
- Durable
- Multi-dimensional
- Multi-faceted



## SEED

new ideas to develop therapies; tools for earlier, accurate diagnosis; care interventions; and more

## SPEED

scientific discovery

## SCALE

to accelerate the science

# The Largest Nonprofit Funder of Alzheimer's & All Dementia Research in the World



Find GRANT info at  
[alz.org/grants](https://alz.org/grants)



**\$360M**

currently  
active



**1000+**

projects



**53**

countries

# RESEARCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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## Grant Funding



10 active  
47 Historic



Active \$1.7M

# ALZ Early Career and New to Field Research Grants

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## PROGRAMS OFFERED 2X ANNUALLY

Next cycle will open: July/August

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Fellowship  
(AACSF)

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(AACSF-D)

Research Grant  
(AARG)

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# Emerging Areas, Drug Discovery & Clinical Trial Research Grants

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## PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH YEAR

- Tau Pipeline Enabling Program (T-PEP), in partnership with Rainwater Charitable Foundation (in review)
- Imaging Research in Alzheimer's and other Neurodegenerative diseases, in partnership with ASNR (in review)
- Zenith Fellows Program
- Part the Cloud Trials Program



## COMING SOON

- Health Disparities Program

## 2024 New Investigator Awards



## Ten Awards and New Mentorship Program

- **New investigator - post-doctoral fellows, residents, or junior faculty that have not yet been promoted to associate professor rank** (MD or PhD), within ten years of rank, and not already having had an R01 grant.
- **New investigators must be affiliated with an Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC).** ADRC Directors must provide a letter to confirm that the new investigator is affiliated with their ADRC. A template for the letter is provided in the online application materials.

**LOI deadline (and request mentor) -**  
November 30, 2023

**Application deadline -** January 30, 2024

**10 awards, each with \$135,000 in direct costs**



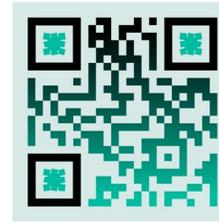
# IMPACT-AD

Institute on Methods and Protocols for Advancement of Clinical Trials in ADRD

**A comprehensive training program in clinical trials for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias.**



IMPACT-AD Class of 2023



Training the next generation of AD/ADRD clinical trialists.

[www.impact-ad.org](http://www.impact-ad.org)



### Professional Track (3.5 days)

For applicants in any stage of their career, demonstrating a clear commitment to ADRD trials.

### Fellowship Track (5.5 days)

For applicants in their early faculty or fellowship stage.

Applications open: February 1, 2024

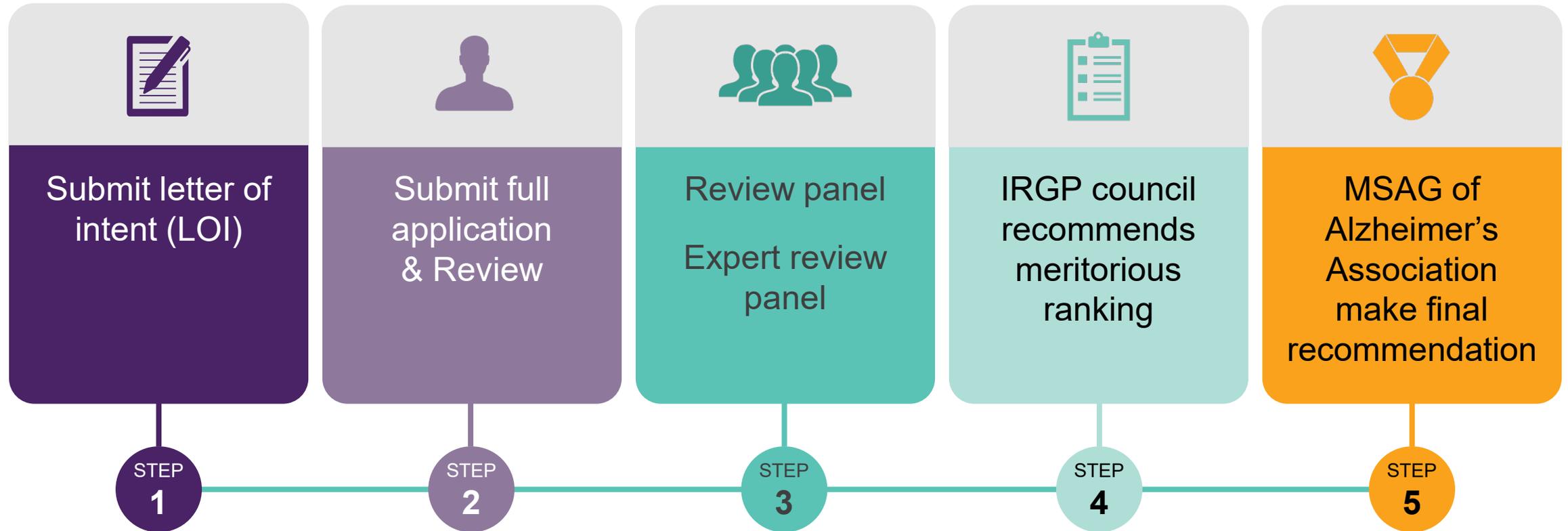
Applications close: April 30, 2024

Contact Us: [impact-ad@atrihub.io](mailto:impact-ad@atrihub.io)

IMPACT-AD is supported by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) under award numbers R25AG076392 and U13AG067696.



# Funding the Best Research Worldwide Through Peer-Review



# Alzheimer's Association: Peer-Review Process

STEP  
1



Submit letter of  
intent (LOI)

## LOI's should include:

- Brief project summary, including methodology
- Specific aims of the proposed project
- Innovation/novelty of the proposed project
- Overall Impact on the field of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia
- \*NTF only: includes Transition Statement

## LOI's review criteria:

- Demonstrable innovation/novelty of the proposed project (especially in the context of the PIs recently funded work)
- Alignment with the research priorities of the Alzheimer's Association
- Impact of project on Alzheimer's and all other dementia research
- Evidence of methodological rigor that address the research question(s) being proposed
- \*NTF only: how transitioning to the field will elevate Alzheimer's and all dementia research

# AARF

Alzheimer's Association  
Research Fellowship



Targeting postdoc, instructor level researchers and requires a mentorship component – 13 years from Ph.D.

# AARF-D

Research Fellowship to  
Promote Diversity



U\$200,000 up to 3 years, including up to U\$7,500 for travel and U\$10,000 stipend at the completion of the award for the awardee and for their mentor



Funding for the full spectrum of science – basic biology, adaptive technology, translational, clinical, social / behavioral and cognitive / functional research

# AACSF

Alzheimer's Association  
Clinician Scientist Fellowship



Targeting individuals with clinical service (MD, DO, Ph.D. - with clinical licensure) – 18 years from terminal degree

# AACSF-D

Fellowship  
to Promote Diversity



U\$250,000 up to 3 years, including U\$7,500 for travel and U\$10,000 stipend at the completion of the award for the awardee and for their mentor



Funding for the full spectrum of science – basic biology, adaptive technology, translational, clinical, social / behavioral and cognitive / functional research

# Alzheimer's Association: Peer-Review Process

STEP  
2



Submit full  
application  
& Review

## FELLOWSHIPS provide:

- Statement of Mentorship (by Mentor)
- Statement of Commitment (by Fellow / Applicant)
- Area of Research (Problem Statement & Work Plan)
- Letters of support (3)

## FELLOWSHIPS review criteria:

- Mentoring plan
- Applicant and originality of research plan
- Significance of question impact-risk
- Resubmission

# AARG

Alzheimer's Association  
Research Grant

# AARG-D

Research Grant to  
Promote Diversity

*(previously called New Investigator  
Research Grants)*



Target for newly independent investigators – Assistant Professor and above at their institution – who are within 18 years of their terminal degree



Welcome applications from those “new” to Alzheimer's & related dementia research



U\$200,000 over 2 to 3 years, including U\$7,500 for travel



Funding for the full spectrum of science

# AARG-NTF

Research Grant  
New to the Field

# AARG-D-NTF

Research Grant to  
Promote Diversity  
New to the Field



Emphasis on individuals that have not published or been funded in Alzheimer's or any neurodegenerative disease

In recent years, oncology, immunology, rheumatology, computer science / engineering have been represented



U\$200,000 over 2 to 3 years, including U\$7,500 for travel



Funding for the full spectrum of science

# Alzheimer's Association: Peer-Review Process

STEP  
2



Submit full  
application  
& Review

## RESEARCH GRANTS provide:

- Problem Statement
- Work Plan
- \*New to the Field (NTF) also includes a Transition Statement

## RESEARCH GRANTS review criteria:

- Applicant information
- Quality of work plan
- Impact-risk
- Resubmission

## ALL programs provide:

- Recruitment Plan  
*(if applicable)*
- Available Resources & Budget Justification
- Biosketches
- Plan for Data Management and Sharing Plan
- Resubmission Statement  
*(if applicable)*
- References

# Tips for Success

## ISTAART Guide to Grants

Hear from the Alzheimer's Association and the team leading the International Research Grant Program about how successful grants are evaluated, and tips for a smooth and successful applications process from current and past awardees of the Association's grant programs. A new 5-part webinar series will break down the critical components of a Fellowship application - Letter of Intent (LOI), Mentorship Statement, Applicant Statement, Work Plan and Budget. The Alzheimer's Association funds more than \$250 million more than 750 projects in 39 countries, spanning 6 continents.

### Letter of Intent

Recorded: January 31, 2022

Panelists: Cynthia Lemere, Christian Salazar, Yuyu Song

[Presentation Slides](#)

### Mentor Statement

Recorded: February 1, 2022

Panelists: Neus Falgàs, Bruce Lamb

[Presentation Slides](#)

### Applicant Statement

Recorded February 2, 2022

Panelists: Joe Abisambra, DeAnnah Byrd, Michael Lourenco

[Presentation Slides](#)

### Workplan

Recorded: February 3, 2022

Panelists: Yakeel Quiroz, Charles Windon

[Presentation Slides](#)

### Budget

Recorded: February 4, 2022

Panelists: Catherine Kaczorowski, Eduardo Zimmer

[Presentation Slides](#)

<https://training.alz.org/Research-Webinars>



**Writing the BEST Fellowship Application**

dementiaresearcher.nih.ac.uk

Hosted by Dr Stefania Forner

Guests  
Dr DeAnnah Byrd  
Dr Joe Abisambra  
Dr Eduardo Zimmer

The graphic features a woman in profile on the right, wearing an orange patterned top. The background is a blurred office setting. The text is overlaid on the left side. At the bottom, there are four circular headshots of the speakers: a woman in a dark blazer, a woman in a striped shirt, a man in a suit, and a man in a blue shirt. The Alzheimer's Association logo is visible in the top right corner of the graphic.

## Mecanismos de financiamento globais pela Alzheimer's Association

Recorded: July 6, 2022

Aprenda sobre os mecanismos de financiamento da Alzheimer's Association dos Estados Unidos para pesquisadores de outros países. Uma conversa com dicas sobre como escrever um projeto internacional financiado pela Alzheimer's Association com pesquisadores brasileiros.

Participação da Dra. Carolina Marinho (UFMG) e do Dr. Eduardo Zimmer (UFRGS).

Moderadores: Fernando Aguzzoli-Peres e Stefania Forner

## Alzheimer's Association - Oportunidades de financiación

Recorded: January 19, 2023

El primer webinar en español sobre los Programas de Financiamiento del Programa Internacional de Subvenciones de Investigación. Nos centraremos en aspectos de la solicitud de los programas (AACSF/AARF/AARG/AARG-NTF). Escucharemos consejos e ideas de los miembros de IRGP y MSAG de la Alzheimer's Association y de beneficiarios actuales y pasados de nuestros programas.

[Presentation Slides](#)

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**READ** the Program Announcement; it changes **EVERY** cycle – call us if you have questions



Your **LOI** is **REVIEWED**, and it is not a guarantee you will be invited to submit – please align with the RFA/ program goals



Some of our eligibility criteria is **VERY** specific; programs may be targeted



Find someone good at getting grants to help review and comment on your application **BEFORE** submitting

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If invited,  
**IDENTIFY**  
reviewers to  
include / exclude



Read and pay  
attention to the  
critiques in  
resubmissions



Alzheimer's  
Association staff  
only control so  
much – but are  
here to help you!  
**CALL** or **EMAIL**  
us if you have  
questions



We want you to  
be successful –  
**GOOD LUCK!**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A REVIEWER  
FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION GRANTS PROGRAM?**

SCAN THE QR CODE AND FILL OUT THE FORM.  
(OR SEND US AN EMAIL AT [grantsapp@alz.org](mailto:grantsapp@alz.org))





## The Alzheimer's Association's International Society To Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment (ISTAART)

has over **10,000 members** in over **100 countries**, bringing together a global community of **researchers, clinicians and professionals** to **increase the rate of progress** of research and treatment of Alzheimer's and other dementia.



## Understanding the types of dementia and contributing factors

Atypical AD | Diversity & Disparities | Down Syndrome & AD | Frontotemporal Dementia & Related Disorders | Immunity & Neurodegeneration | Lewy Body Dementias | Neuromodulatory Subcortical Systems | Nutrition, Metabolism & Dementia | Perioperative Cognition & Delirium | Reserve, Resilience & Protective Factors | Sex & Gender Differences | Sleep & Circadian Rhythms | Vascular Cognitive Disorders

## Assessing markers and manifestations of the disease process

Artificial Intelligence for Precision Dementia Medicine | Biofluid Based Biomarkers | Cognition | Design & Data Analytics | Electrophysiology | The Eye as a Biomarker for AD | Neuroimaging | Neuropsychiatric Syndromes | Subjective Cognitive Decline | Technology & Dementia

## Intervening to improve outcomes

Clinical Trials Advancement & Methods | Health Policy | Nonpharmacological Interventions

## Supporting professionals in advancing their careers

Alliance of Women Alzheimer's Researchers (AWARE) | Diversity & Disparities | PIA to Elevate Early-Career Researchers (PEERs) | Partnering with Research Participants

**ISTAART members can join 30 Professional Interest Areas (PIAs), which span various aspects of dementia research and treatment.**

**ISTAART members can also stand for election to a PIA's executive committee to join global leaders in the field and drive a PIA's activities.**



**@ISTAART**

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alz.org/scientificmeetings

alz.org/research-webinars

ISTAART has three membership tiers

>> **Student Membership: Free**

>> **Postdoctoral Membership: \$65\***

>> **Professional Membership: \$125\***

**\*Student, postdoctoral and professional memberships are all FREE for individuals based in low- and middle-income countries.**

**The ISTAART Ambassador Program** provides students and early postdocs with a **year-round program of volunteering** and networking opportunities.

Ambassadors gain valuable experience **volunteering** at AAIC and other in-person or virtual scientific meetings, and also build **awareness** of ISTAART's activities within their regions.

**Ambassador Program is open to...**

Students, both undergraduate and graduate, and early postdocs (within 2 years of obtaining PhD) world-wide

**Applications open annually in February**

Visit [alz.org/ISTAART](http://alz.org/ISTAART) for more information on the program



# Conferences

Mar 2024

Tau 2024  
Washington, DC

Apr 2024

Latinos & Alzheimer's  
Symposium  
San Diego, California

July 2024

AAIC - Philadelphia, PA

**There are year-round opportunities to learn and network in focused meetings.**

With conferences dedicated to specific **topics** - addressing burgeoning areas in research and practice, specific **locations** - growing regional networks, and specific **career-stages** - supporting the next generation of professionals.

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**Thank You!**



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