

# MEET THE FUNDER: AMERICAN PARKINSON DISEASE ASSOCIATION

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# WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO



**AMERICAN  
PARKINSON DISEASE  
ASSOCIATION**

Strength in optimism. Hope in progress.

# AMERICAN PARKINSON DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Every day, we provide the support, education, and research that will help everyone impacted by Parkinson's disease live life to the fullest.

*APDA was founded in 1961, is based in Staten Island, NYC, and has Chapters and Information & Referral Centers across the country*

# LOCAL PROGRAMMING

## Local Programs & Services delivered through a network of Chapters and Information & Referral Centers :

- **Information and Referral**
  - Resource delivery
- **Education & Support**
  - Support groups
  - Parkinson's Roadmap for Education and Support Services (PRESS), Good Start, PD:The Essentials
  - Educational conferences
- **Health & Wellness**
  - Connecting through Art
  - Exercise and movement classes: Dance, yoga, tai chi, boxing and more



# NATIONAL PROGRAMMING

## Nationwide Programs & Services

- Tollfree helpline 1-800-223-2732
- APDA Symptom Tracker App (English and Spanish)
- Publications (English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese)
- Webinars (English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese)
- A Closer Look Blog
- Smart Patients
- Online training courses for First Responders, Fitness Professionals, and nursing home staff
- National Rehab Resource Center

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### Medications Approved for the Treatment of Parkinson's Disease in the USA

Below is a full list of Parkinson's medications that have been approved to treat Parkinson's in the United States, as of May 2018.

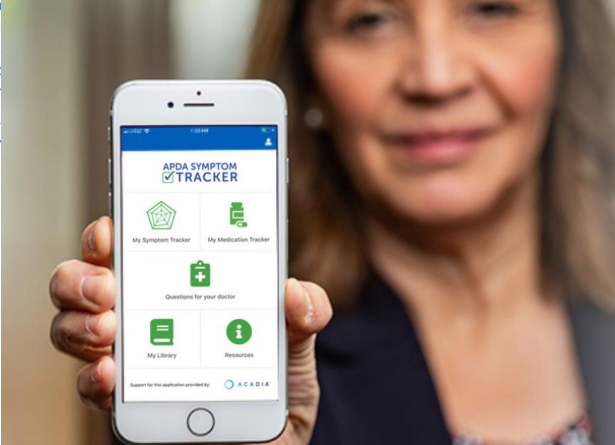
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### Cómo vivir bien con la enfermedad de Párkinson

¡10 cosas que puede hacer ahora!

#### Le han diagnosticado con la enfermedad de Párkinson. ¿Qué hacer ahora?

La enfermedad de Párkinson (EP) es un trastorno neurológico progresivo, sin embargo, la mayoría de las personas con EP pueden vivir bien con la enfermedad. Hay cosas que puede hacer ahora para mejorar su calidad de vida.



The image shows a woman holding a smartphone. The screen displays the 'APDA SYMPTOM TRACKER' app. The app interface includes icons for 'My Symptom Tracker', 'My Medication Tracker', 'Questions for your doctor', 'My Library', and 'Resources'. At the bottom, it says 'Support for this application provided by ACADIA'.

# BOSTON UNIVERSITY AND APDA

APDA Information and Referral Center at BUMC

Cathi Thomas, RN, MS

Assistant Professor, Program Director BUMC PD and Movement Disorder Center



APDA National Rehabilitation Resource Center

Terry Ellis, PT, PhD

Professor and Chair, Department of Physical Therapy



APDA Center for Advanced Research

Marie Saint Hilaire, MD, FRCPC

Professor, Department of Neurology



APDA Massachusetts Chapter

Bill Patjane, MS

Regional Director MA/RI/CT



# APDA RESEARCH

# AMERICAN PARKINSON DISEASE ASSOCIATION - RESEARCH



## George C. Cotzias Fellowship

Fellowship over three years.

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## Diversity in Parkinson's Disease Research Grant

Renewable one year grant.

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## Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Fellowship for two years.

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## Research Grants

Renewable one year grant.

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## Social Sciences in PD Research Grant

Renewable one year grant.

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<https://www.apdaparkinson.org/research/research-opportunities/>

- LOI deadline: Dec 16, 2024
- Invitations for full application: Feb 2025
- Full applications due: April 2025
- Award notification: June 2025



# APDA FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Centers for Advanced Research**
- **Dr. George C. Cotzias Memorial Fellowship** 3-year, career-development award to assist promising young neurologists in establishing careers in research and clinical care (100K/year)
- **Post-Doctoral Fellowships** 2-year award to post-doctoral scientists (50 K/year)
- **Research Grants** 1 year award to PD research investigators, typically at Assistant Professor level (75K/year)
- **Diversity in Parkinson's Disease Research Grant** 1 year award to support research scientists studying the health disparities and/or differences among under-studied PD communities (75K/year)
- **Social Sciences in Parkinson's Disease Research Grant** 1 year award to support research scientists studying social issues related to PD (75K/year)

Focus is on early investigators and new ideas

# BU AND APDA RESEARCH



**Franchino Porciuncula, PT, DScPT, EdD**

Trustees of Boston University, Boston, MA

*Does rhythmic auditory stimulus reduce the cognitive demands of walking in Parkinson's disease?*



**Bonnie Wong, PhD**

**Boston University, Boston, MA**

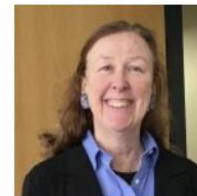
*Alleviating depression and cognitive impairment in Parkinson's disease through telehealth psychotherapy*



**Joseph DeGutis, PhD, and Alice Cronin-Golomb, PhD**

**Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA**

*Attentional Intervention to Improve Non-Motor and Motor Symptoms of Parkinson's Disease.*



**Theresa Ellis, PhD**

**Boston University**

*Mobile Health Technology (MHT) to Promote Physical Activity in Persons with PD*

# HOW TO WRITE A SUCCESSFUL LETTER OF INTENT FOR APDA

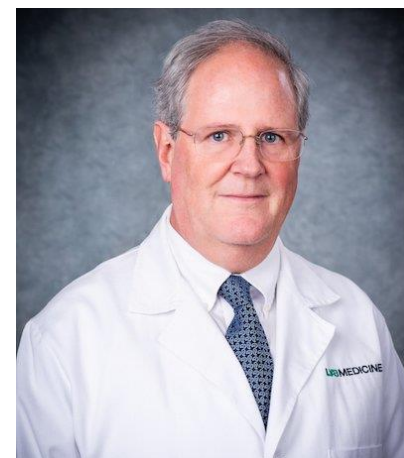


## How to write a successful Letter of Intent for APDA

**Time:** 1 PM EST, October 28<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Hosted by Dr. David Standaert, Chair of the APDA Scientific Advisory Board and John N. Whitaker Professor & Chair of Neurology at the University of Alabama, Birmingham.**

In this webinar, Dr. David Standaert, Chair of APDA's Scientific Advisory Board and John N. Whitaker Professor & Chair of Neurology at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, will give an insider's view of APDA and our grant review process to help you write a successful LOI. He will also answer your questions during the webinar.



<https://www.apdaparkinson.org/events/letter-of-intent>

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