Call for Proposals 2020

Research Grants for Principal Investigators
Submission Deadline 12 July 2020

Synapsis Foundation - Alzheimer Research Switzerland ARS announces a Research Grants competition. This mechanism supports research projects directed by independent principal investigators at Swiss Universities and Research Institutions. The goal of this grant is to support innovative research projects on Alzheimer’s disease and related neurodegenerative disorders.

Funded projects are supported with up to CHF 300’000 for up to 3 years (e.g. CHF 100’000 per year for a three-year project). **Institutions may not charge indirect or overhead costs on these awards.**

**TOPICS**
We welcome high-risk proposals based on sound science and truly original ideas related to the following topics:

- Research in genetics, molecular and cell biology of Alzheimer’s disease or related neurodegenerative disorders.
- Innovative clinical approaches towards the pre-symptomatic diagnosis or therapeutic interventions in neurodegenerative diseases.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**
All applications must be submitted by the principal investigator and completed in English, using the format specified:

- Scientific abstract
- Introduction to the topic
- Specific goals of the project and detailed research plan
- Detailed budget
- Disclosure of all other funding sources
- Curriculum vitae, incl. a list of top 10 papers from the last 10 years

All applications must be submitted electronically to grants@alzheimer-synapsis.ch

**EVALUATION**
Proposals will be evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Board of the Synapsis Foundation, supported by external reviewers. The central criteria for evaluation are originality, scientific quality, feasibility, experience and past performance of the main applicant, as well as relevance to the call. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Final decision for funding lies with the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.

**Submission deadline is 12 July 2020.**
**Funding decisions will be announced by 17 December 2020.**

**CONTACT**
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