



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Novel Biomarkers to Accelerate Drug Discovery for Frontotemporal Dementias

Drug discovery for frontotemporal dementias (FTD) has been hindered by the heterogeneity of the disease. FTD specific biomarkers that reflect pathological differences are needed to select appropriate patients for clinical trials and monitor target-specific responses to investigational treatments. The Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) and The Association for Frontotemporal Dementias (AFTD) challenge scientists to meet this unmet medical need by submitting applications through this Request for Proposals (RFP).

The ADDF and AFTD are **particularly interested** in: *FTD relevant imaging agents; CSF and plasma based assays; and TDP-43 and tau-focused biomarkers specifically relevant to FTD populations.*

MECHANISM(S) OF SUPPORT: ADDF/AFTD will provide grants for one-year duration (up to \$100,000 each) with the possibility of follow-on funding. Applications may be submitted by non-profit academic institutions and for-profit biotechnology companies, both public and private, worldwide. Please note that funding to biotechnology companies is typically made as a program related investment.

REVIEW PROCESS: The deadline date for applications is **September 9, 2010**. Submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) is required at least 2 weeks prior to the applications deadline. Applications will be confidentially reviewed by ADDF and an external Scientific Review Committee, including AFTD scientific advisors. Applications from biotechnology companies will also be reviewed by ADDF's external Business Advisory Board. Award winners will be publicly announced in Spring 2011.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applications must be submitted electronically at www.alzdiscovery.org. To further discuss scientific or financial aspects of proposals, please contact:

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