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## Davis Phinney Foundation 2020 Research Funding Call for Letters of Intent

The Davis Phinney Foundation intends to support a limited number of proposals to fund research projects that address quality of life for people living with Parkinson's. Priority will be given to applications that address the unique needs of historically underrepresented and/or underserved populations, and applications that investigate the benefits and effectiveness of innovations designed to help people with Parkinson's live well. Awards of any amount will be considered, up to a maximum of \$150,000 per award for research purposes. The scientific goals and objectives of the project should be commensurate with the level of support requested and should not overlap with other sources of support.

Past funding, for example, has focused on the impact of community cycling classes, deep brain stimulation, speech therapies, and telemedicine. Additional information on previously funded projects can be found on our website: <https://www.davisphinneyfoundation.org/research/>.

The Foundation will also consider other promising submissions outside of the stated funding priorities above if the reviewers find the submission to have high potential to promote quality of life for people with Parkinson's.

### Award and Eligibility Information

The Davis Phinney Foundation will commit up to \$150,000 per award to be used for research purposes. A signed copy of the grant award acknowledging your acceptance and agreement with the terms **must be received by the Foundation no later than December 31, 2020**. **Research must begin in 2021**. Indirect costs will not be considered for funding. Open to international applicants.

### Key Dates

Letter of Intent (LOI) Deadline	August 31, 2020, 5:00 pm MDT
Notification of invitation to apply	October 1, 2020
Full application deadline	November 15, 2020, 5:00 pm MST
Notification of award(s)	December 17, 2020

### Selection Criteria

LOI submission is a required part of application process. All LOIs will be reviewed and evaluated by the Davis Phinney Foundation Science Advisory Board. The most promising LOIs will be invited to submit a full application. Submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Relevance (Does the project fit within the Davis Phinney Foundation's 2020 research priorities and/or the mission to help people with Parkinson's live well today?)
- Significance (Does the project address an important aspect of quality of life for people living with Parkinson's? Will the lives of those living with Parkinson's be improved with knowledge gained from this project? Is it scientifically compelling?)
- Innovation (Does the project use innovative concepts, approaches, methodologies, and/or interventions to address quality of life for those living with Parkinson's?)
- Approach (Does the project have an achievable and appropriate design, timeline, and budget? Is a clear research focus demonstrated?)

## **LOI Submission Process**

Please have the following information ready when beginning the online LOI submission process:

- Principal Investigator Contact Information (institution, mailing address, email, phone)
- Project Title
- Project Summary (300 words maximum)
- Impact on Living Well with Parkinson's (150 words maximum)
- Project Design Summary (brief description of project design and measurement of outcomes, 150 words maximum)
- Project Duration (months)
- Project Timeline (brief description of project activity, must begin in 2021, should not exceed two years)
- Total Budget Requested (not to exceed \$150,000)
- Project Budget (brief note on intended use of funds, a full line-item budget will be required if invited for full application)
- Key Personnel (name, credentials, institution, project role)

## **Guidelines**

Only one LOI per research project should be submitted. Up to two LOIs from a single researcher may be submitted. Resubmissions of previously reviewed LOIs will be accepted only if significant changes have been made since the original submission.

LOIs will only be accepted through the online submission system <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=dp> by 5:00 pm (MDT) on August 31, 2020. Applicants will receive a confirmation email when their LOI has been received, and they will be notified via email by October 1, 2020, regarding invitations to submit a full application.

## **Contact**

If you have any questions about the 2020 Research Funding Program, please contact Melani Dizon, Director of Education at [mdizon@dpf.org](mailto:mdizon@dpf.org). For questions related to science and research design, contact Dr. John Sladek, Lead Research Consultant at [john.sladek@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:john.sladek@cuanschutz.edu).