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About FARA's Research Program

FARA supports research through funding competitive grants across the spectrum from basic research through drug development and clinical research programs in Friedreich's Ataxia (FA). We promote collaboration among scientists, advocate for public-private partnerships and host open forums for leading scientists to share their insights and ideas to advance therapeutic development for FA.

FARA's Grant types, Deadlines, and Budget Limits are described in the table below. You can view special interest requests for proposals (RFPs) and other grant program updates and announcements **here**.

All investigators interested in FA-related research are invited to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) through our **submission portal** (https://webportalapp.com/sp/fara_grants). All proposed research must fall within **FARA's Grant Program Priorities** (/../grant-priorities). For more information on how to apply for a FARA grant, **click here** (/../grant-apply).

Grant types, Deadlines, and Budget Limits					
Grant Type	**Letter of Intent (LOI) Deadline**	**Application Deadline**	**Award Notice**	**Grant start dates**	**Maximum Budget (in US dollars)**
+ General Research Grant	Feb 15 Aug 15	Apr 15 Oct 15	Aug 1 Feb 1	Sep 1 - Oct 1 Mar 1 - Apr 1	$125,000 per year for 1 or 2 years
+ Award for Innovative Mindset (AIM)	No LOI	Feb 1	May 1	Jun 1 - Jul 1	$100,000 for 1 year
+ Keith Michael Andrus Cardiac Award	Jan 15	Mar 15	Jul 1	Aug 1 - Sep 1	$150,000 per year for 1 or 2 years
+ Kyle Bryant Translational Research Award	Jan 15	Mar 15	Jul 1	Aug 1 - Sep 1	$250,000 per year for 1 or 2 years
+ Bronya J. Keats Research Collaboration Award	Jan 15	Mar 15	Jul 1	Aug 1 - Sep 1	$200,000 per year for 1 or 2 years
+ Postdoctoral Research Award	Feb 15 Aug 15	Apr 15 Oct 15	Aug 1 Feb 1	Sep 1 - Oct 1 Mar 1 - Apr 1	$100,000 per year for 1 or 2 years
+ Postdoctoral Fellowship	Feb 15 Aug 15	Apr 15 Oct 15	Aug 1 Feb 1	Sep 1 - Oct 1 Mar 1 - Apr 1	Trainee salary up to 2 yrs
+ Request for Proposals and Ad-hoc Requests	FARA will issue requests for proposals (RFPs) on an ad-hoc basis.				

Grant program updates and announcements

The FARA forum webinars
The FARA Forum is a monthly webinar featuring investigators who have been awarded FARA grants. The webinar is open to FARA grant awardees and it is held on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information contact liz.soragni@curefa.org (mailto:liz.soragni@curefa.org)

September 13, 2022
  12:00PM ET Erin Seifert, Thomas Jefferson University

October 11, 2022
  12:00PM ET Damon Feng, Watts Lab, UMass Medical School

COVID-19 emergency:
If you have been awarded a FARA grant, we will continue to request progress reports as they are due. If your work has been impacted by the COVID-19 emergency – for example if milestones could not be met or no work at all could be performed – we ask you to provide an explanation of how the COVID-19

emergency has impacted your research. We are also requesting that you inform FARA of what actions and measures are needed to assist you in restoring and reestablishing your research. We realize that there may be requests for re-budgeting and no-cost extensions and these decisions will be made on a case by case basis, FARA is implementing a maximum flexibility approach, to meet the needs of our research community and help its recovery.

Please contact us at grants@curefa.org (mailto:grants@curefa.org) or liz.soragni@curefa.org (mailto:liz.soragni@curefa.org), at any time if you have questions or concerns.

Apply now! Click here to access FARA's grant submission portal.

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Grant program updates and announcements

View special interest RFPs and other grant program updates and announcements **here** (/grant#p1).

Newly awarded grants

Gene & Stem Cell Therapy (/grant-awards#d2c)
Changfan Lin, PhD - Caltech
Engineering adeno-associated viral vectors to evade immune responses

Mechanism or Pathway of Disease (/grant-awards#d4c)
Sarah Robinson-Thiewes, PhD - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Illuminating how SynGRs liberate gene expression from heterochromatin

Anna Stepanova, PhD - Weill Cornell Medical College
Calcium communication among intracellular compartments in FA patient-derived cells

David Lynch, MD, PhD - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Understanding ketogenesis in FRDA: Pathophysiology, biomarkers and nutritional therapies

Outcome Measures & Biomarkers (/grant-awards#d7c)
Louise Corben, PhD - Murdoch Children's Research Institute
Measuring ataxia in children with Friedreich ataxia

Joseph Baur, PhD & Shana McCormack, MD - University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Detection and enhancement of tissue NAD+ levels in Friedreich's Ataxia

Ankur Jain, PhD & Ricardo Mouro Pinto, PhD - Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital
A New Ultrasensitive Single-Molecule Assay for Frataxin Measurement

Improving Clinical Outcomes (/grant-awards#d9c)
Manuela Corti, PhD & Tanja Taivassalo, PhD - University of Florida
Functional electrical stimulation (FES) cycling training to improve motor and cardiac functions in patients with Friedreich's Ataxia: a feasibility and efficacy study

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