

Alzheimer's and Related Diseases Research Award Fund

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- Purpose:** The Commonwealth of Virginia established the Award Fund in 1982 to promote research into Alzheimer's and related diseases. Because of a commitment to program balance, the Fund encourages scientifically rigorous applications from a broad spectrum of disciplines. Studies may involve:
- (1) the underlying causes, epidemiology, diagnosis, or treatment of Alzheimer's and related diseases;
 - (2) policies, programs, and financing for care and support of those affected by Alzheimer's and related diseases; or
 - (3) the social and psychological impacts of Alzheimer's and related diseases upon the individual, family, and community.
- Funding:** The size of awards varies, but is limited to \$40,000 each. Number of awards is contingent upon available funds.
- Eligibility:** Applicants must be affiliated with colleges or universities, research institutes, or other not-for-profit organizations located in Virginia. The Fund encourages partnerships between community-based agencies/facilities and academic institutions.
- Schedule:** We request that a non-binding letter of intent with tentative title, non-technical abstract, and a 4-5 sentence description of the project in common, everyday language for press release purposes *be received by March 7, 2008*. Letters on letterhead with signature affixed will be accepted electronically. Applications (hard copy required; *additional* electronic copy preferred) will be accepted through the close of business April 1, 2008, and applicants will be notified by June 19, 2008. The funding period begins July 1, 2008 and projects must be completed by June 30, 2009.
- Review:** Three qualified technical reviewers, one of whom is identified by the applicant, will review proposals for scientific merit. The Awards Committee will make the final funding decision.
- Application:** Application forms, guidelines, and further information may be obtained on the World Wide Web (<http://www.vcu.edu/vcoa/ardraf.htm>) or by contacting:
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