

**2025 Funding Opportunity:**

**Oregon Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center Development Projects**

The [Oregon Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center](https://www.ohsu.edu/brain-institute/alzheimers-disease-research-center) (OADRC; P30AG066518) requests letters of intent for development projects to be awarded and conducted in 2025-26\*. The objective of the NIH-funded OADRC and this opportunity is to promote basic and clinical biomedical, translational, epidemiological, caregiving, educational and behavioral research on Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias (ADRD), and normal brain aging. **This funding provides support to develop preliminary data to provide the basis for an application for independent research support.**

**Investigators are highly encouraged to utilize OADRC Core resources**, including Clinical, Data, Biomarker, Neuropathology, Outreach Recruitment & Education, Neuroimaging, and Digital Technology. Investigators may have access (with IRB approval) to participants and control volunteers with clinical, imaging, genetic and neuropathological information; digital biomarker activity and audio data; biospecimens such as DNA, frozen and fixed brain tissue, CSF, and cell lines. Standardized clinical and neuropathological research data collected from all NIH ADRCs is available from the NIH-funded National Alzheimer’s Coordinating Center (NACC). Investigators are encouraged to consider [approved concepts](https://www.nia.nih.gov/approved-concepts) established by the NIA National Advisory Council on Aging and the National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease ([National Alzheimer's Plan](https://www.nia.nih.gov/about/nia-and-national-plan-address-alzheimers-disease)).

**Eligibility** - Applicants may be early or more advanced career investigators at an academic institution. More senior investigators should be new to ADRD research, or an ADRD researcher wanting to try a new hypothesis, method, or approach. The OADRC values and encourages applications that foster diversity, equity and inclusion. Investigators from communities underrepresented in research are especially encouraged to apply. Interested investigators are strongly encouraged to consult with OADRC faculty or staff. No clinical trials may be proposed.

**Selection** - Priority will be given to applications that meet the following criteria: Alignment with OADRC initiatives, use of OADRC resources, potential for career development, potential to integrate into the pipeline for OADRC activities and/or leadership, DEI aspects and/or URM status of the population and/or candidate.

**Letters of Intent** - Letters (addressed to the OADRC Executive Committee) should briefly describe the applicant’s research program, career plans, experience in dementia research, as well as briefly summarize the purpose and aims of the proposed project (including a project title) in relation to other current and future ADRD research. Please include names and email addresses for three university faculty as potential reviewers for the application, with at least two from institutions other than OHSU. *Letters must be no more than 1,200 words* (Arial 11pt font, 0.5-inch margins). Include current NIH biosketch only for the candidate investigator. Submit as one pdf document to [schiffkh@ohsu.edu](mailto:schiffkh@ohsu.edu).

**Timeline**

* **Letter of intent due Monday, September 16, 2024** by 11:59 pm pacific
* **Full application due Sunday, November 10, 2024** by 11:59 pm pacific (by invitation; 5 page research strategy, budget and associated documents in NIH format)
* Maximum direct costs: $75,000
* Project dates: 04/01/25 – 03/31/26\*
* Number of projects to be funded: 2
* Information available at: <https://www.ohsu.edu/alzheimers-disease-research-center/grants>

\*Dates are tentative and dependent on OADRC grant renewal.

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