

CONCEPT AWARD

Improve the lives of individuals with autism spectrum disorder now



The FY07 **Autism Spectrum Disorder Research Program (ASDRP)** Concept Award supports the exploration of an initial idea or novel observation that could give rise to a testable hypothesis. Presentation of preliminary data is not required and is not consistent with the intent of this award mechanism. These awards provide Principal Investigators (PIs) with the opportunity to pursue serendipitous observations. Proposals must describe how the new idea will enhance existing knowledge of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or create an entirely new avenue for investigation. Research completed through a Concept Award may provide sufficient preliminary data to enable the PI to prepare a proposal for future research. This award emphasizes the innovation of the research idea and its potential impact on autism spectrum disorder research. To encourage new investigators and unconventional ideas, names and institutions of applicants are not provided to reviewers. In order to increase the potential impact of the awards, research utilizing human anatomical substances and/or data and animal studies are appropriate for this mechanism. However, clinical trials are not consistent with the intent of this award. Proposals containing a clinical trial will be administratively withdrawn. Funding may be requested for a maximum of \$75,000 for direct costs over a 1-year performance period, plus indirect costs as appropriate.

Pre-applications are due by July 10, 2007

Proposals are due by August 7, 2007

This document is a synopsis of details specific to the ASDRP Concept Award. A detailed description of this award mechanism including eligibility, specific evaluation criteria, submission requirements, and deadlines is available in the FY07 ASDRP Concept Award Program Announcement found at:

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