



NFRP

Therapeutic Development Award

Accelerating the discovery and evaluation of improved treatments for Neurofibromatosis (NF) and Schwannomatosis

The Therapeutic Development Award supports product-driven studies in:

- ▶ Development of screens or preclinical model systems to identify or evaluate potential therapeutics for NF1, NF2, or Schwannomatosis
- ▶ Preclinical pharmacological or pharmacokinetic testing of new or existing therapeutic agents in models of NF1, NF2, or Schwannomatosis

The vision of the Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP) is to decrease the impact of NF1, NF2, and Schwannomatosis. New, more effective treatments will alleviate suffering and enhance the quality of life of individuals with those disorders. Thus, the Therapeutic Development Award was established to accelerate the progression of novel treatment strategies for NF and Schwannomatosis from bench to bedside. This award may also support hypothesis-driven studies that focus on the development of clinical therapeutics. The NFRP strongly encourages the formation of multi-institutional consortia, as the collaborative efforts of multidisciplinary groups are likely to lead to a more rapid introduction of improved therapies into the clinical setting. Biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies also are encouraged to submit proposals and leverage their own resources to complement NFRP funding and support the preclinical development process. Funding for these awards can be requested for up to 3 years. There are no total dollar amount restrictions, but the NFRP will give priority to smaller, cost-efficient projects with well-defined endpoints and studies conducted by multidisciplinary consortia.

Proposals Are Due by February 22, 2005

This document is a synopsis of details specific to the NFRP Therapeutic Development Award. Detailed descriptions of this award mechanism along with specific evaluation criteria, submission requirements, and deadlines are available in the

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