



# TSCRP

# Natural History Study Award

## *Reducing the impact of tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) through research on disease course and progression*

*Are you ready to conduct a hypothesis-based study that will enhance  
current knowledge of the natural history of TSC?*

Improved understanding of the clinical course of TSC is vital to realizing the Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program's (TSCRP's) vision of decreasing the impact of the disorder. Natural history studies will ultimately enhance the quality of life of individuals with TSC by aiding in the prediction of prognosis, the development of targeted therapeutics, and the clinical evaluation of novel treatments. The new Natural History Study Award was established to address this need by supporting exceptional investigators conducting focused, hypothesis-driven studies of TSC clinical manifestations. This mechanism is not intended to fund purely descriptive research. Proposals must include a clinical protocol and informed consent/assent forms, as well as detailed plans for study administration, participant recruitment, data management and analysis, and public dissemination of results. Prior submission or receipt of a Fiscal Year 2004 Natural History Development Award is not required. Funding can be requested for a maximum of \$1 million inclusive of direct and indirect costs for up to 3 years.

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## **PROPOSALS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 22, 2005**

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*This document is a synopsis of details specific to the TSCRP Natural History Study Award.  
Detailed descriptions of this award mechanism along with specific evaluation criteria,  
submission requirements, and deadlines are available in the*

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Program Announcement***