



**Davis Phinney Foundation
2019 Research Funding Program**

Call for Letters of Intent

An active commitment to support and fund research focused on improving the quality of life for people living with Parkinson’s disease is central to advancing the Davis Phinney Foundation’s mission of helping people with Parkinson’s to live well today. The Foundation is calling for Letters of Intent (LOI) from researchers and program directors during the period commencing January 4, 2019 and concluding March 1, 2019.

Award Amount

The Davis Phinney Foundation will commit approximately **\$50,000** to be used for research and/or program costs. The total amount may be disbursed to a single proposal or multiple proposals. Funding must begin in 2019. Indirect costs will not be considered for funding.

Funding Priorities

The Davis Phinney Foundation is committed to funding the most promising research aimed at therapeutics and lifestyle choices that promote living well with Parkinson’s disease today and every day. We have historically funded smaller, innovative studies designed to demonstrate proof of concept, paving the way for larger studies or clinical trials. Research investments tend to fall into two areas: Science-based programs that can have an immediate impact in the lives of people with Parkinson’s today; and research that explores a range of factors that affect quality of life. Past funding has included topics such as community cycling classes, deep brain stimulation, speech and telemedicine. Additional information on previously funded projects can be found on our website: <http://www.davisphinneyfoundation.org/research/>

The Foundation has identified two separate **funding priorities for 2019: exercise and nutrition**. We encourage the submission of LOIs that focus on either of these topics. The Foundation will also consider other innovative submissions, without an exercise or nutrition focus, if the reviewers find the submission to have high potential to promote quality of life for people with Parkinson’s.

Key Dates

Letter of Intent (LOI) deadline	March 1, 2019, 5pm MST
Notification of invitation to apply	April 5, 2019, 5pm MST
Full application deadline	May 31, 2019, 5pm MST
Notification of award(s)	August 30, 2019, 5pm MST

Selection Criteria

LOI submission is a required part of application process. All LOIs will be reviewed and evaluated by the Davis Phinney Foundation Science Advisory Board. Only the most promising LOIs will be invited to submit a full application. Submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- **Relevance** (Does the project fit within the Davis Phinney Foundation's 2019 research priorities and/or the mission to help people with Parkinson's live well today?)
- **Significance** (Does the project address an important aspect of quality of life for people living with Parkinson's? Will the lives of those living with Parkinson's be improved with knowledge gained from this project? Is it scientifically compelling?)
- **Innovation** (Does the project use innovative concepts, approaches, methodologies and/or interventions to address quality of life of those living with Parkinson's?)
- **Approach** (Does the project have an achievable and appropriate design, timeline and budget?)

LOI Submission Process

Please have the following information ready when beginning the online LOI submission process:

- Principal Investigator Contact Information (Institution, Mailing address, Email, Phone)
- Project Title
- Project Summary (300 words maximum, brief summary)
- Impact on Living Well with Parkinson's (150 words maximum)
- Project Duration (Months)
- Proposed Timeline (brief description of project activity, must begin in 2019, should not exceed 2 years)
- Total Budget Requested
- Proposed Budget (brief note on intended use of funds)
- Key Personnel (name, credentials, institution, project role)

Only one LOI per research study or program should be submitted. Up to two LOIs from a single researcher may be submitted. Resubmissions of previously reviewed LOIs will be accepted only if significant changes have been made since the original submission. LOI's will only be accepted through the online submission system <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=dp> by **5:00pm (MST) on March 1, 2019**. Applicants will receive a confirmation email when their LOI has been received and they will be notified via email by April 5, 2019 regarding invitations to submit a full application. If you have any questions about the 2019 research funding awards, please contact Sara Garvey, Research Program Manager at sgarvey@dpf.org.