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New Treatment Initiative

The Hope for Depression Research Foundation (HDRF) is pleased to announce its New Treatment Initiative (NTI) through which it will fund new research grants focused on the development of innovative treatments or diagnostic tests for depression or other mood and anxiety disorders (e.g., post-traumatic stress disorder). The goal of the New Treatment Initiative is to fund investigators through a competitive grants process to meaningfully advance new treatments or diagnostic tests into the clinic. Each award granted as part of the NTI will be called the **Defeating Depression Award**.

General Award Characteristics and Eligibility

- The project period for the awards is up to 3 years.
- The total funding for each award is up to \$500,000 total over the 3 year period. (Requests for additional funding will be considered under special circumstances.) Continuation of the awards beyond year one will be dependent upon review of an annual progress report by the Chair of the HDRF Depression Task Force.
- Indirect costs are limited to a maximum of 5% and will be taken from the direct costs.
- Only full-time faculty at academic institutions or equivalent are eligible to apply. Applications from established scientists at biotech companies will also be considered on a case-by-case basis. Note that instructors, research associates, and postdoctoral fellows are ineligible.
- The proposal should not overlap with existing funding but could be used to synergize with existing funding to advance a treatment or diagnostic test more rapidly. This synergy must be demonstrated in the written proposal.
- Applications from U.S. or non-U.S. institutions are eligible.

Scope

Proposals for the NTI/ Defeating Depression Award should be directed at tangible advancement of a new treatment or diagnostic test into the clinic. Preclinical studies will be considered but only if they will meaningfully result in a clinical application within the 3 year grant period. New treatments for depression or other stress-related disorders can be pharmacologic, behavioral, metabolic, or neuromodulatory in nature. Likewise, a new diagnostic test can be based on a molecular, brain imaging, behavioral, or digital endpoint but must have direct implications for choice of treatment.

The principal criterion for the NTI/Defeating Depression Awards is to advance fundamentally novel approaches toward either the treatment or diagnosis of depression and other stress-related disorders. Successful awardees will be encouraged to submit funding proposals in future years to further advance promising clinical projects.

The mission of HDRF is to fund the most innovative neuroscience research into the origins, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of depression and related disorders such as post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety. In 2012, HDRF launched its Depression Task Force – an outstanding collaboration of nine world-renowned scientists from different institutions who are pooling expertise and data to accelerate discovery. The main goal of the foundation is to develop new and better treatments for depression.

For more information about HDRF please visit our website: <https://www.hopefordepression.org/>

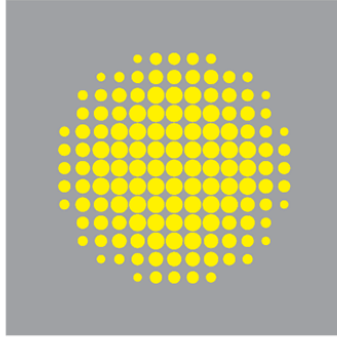
Application Process:

A full application packet should be sent as an attachment via email to NTI@hopefordepression.org on or before 11:59 pm July 10, 2020. The application packet must include as a single PDF:

- A letter nominating the applicant for the NTI/Defeating Depression Award from the Dean, Department Chair, or Head of their Scientific Program at a University or other Research Organization in which he or she is employed. Multiple nominations per institution are permitted. The nominating letter should briefly describe: 1) the merits of the applicant and 2) the resources and support that the home institution provides to the applicant.
- An NIH style biosketch (5 pages maximum including all other support).
- A research proposal (two pages, Arial 11 pt. font, single-spaced) describing the aims and significance of the project with an outline of the research plan.
- A summary budget for years 1-3 of the proposal.
- A brief description about how data obtained from the project will lead to real-world tangible advances in clinical research of depression or other stress-related disorders (~0.5 page).
- A signed face sheet (see below).
- Questions about eligibility should be addressed to NTI@hopefordepression.org
- Depending on the response to this RFA, HDRF may utilize a second stage to determine funding, in which case finalists will be asked to submit longer research proposals.

Selection Process:

HDRF's Depression Task Force, along with other scientific experts as needed, will review the applications for the NTI/Defeating Depression Awards for scientific merit and clinical relevance, and forward recommendations to the Chair of the HDRF Board of Directors. Applicants chosen for the Defeating Depression Awards will be notified on or before October 1, 2020.



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2020 NEW TREATMENT INITIATIVE/ DEFEATING DEPRESSION AWARDS

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

NAME/DEGREE:	_____		
ACADEMIC POSITION:	_____		
INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION:	_____		
MAILING ADDRESS (w/Department):	_____		
BIRTHDATE:	_____	EMAIL:	_____
PHONE:	_____	FAX:	_____
PROJECT TITLE:	_____		
How did you hear about this award program?	_____		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:	_____	DATE (MM/DD/YEAR):	_____

NOMINATING OFFICIAL INFORMATION:

NAME:	_____	TITLE:	_____
INSTITUTION:	_____		
SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL:	_____	DATE: (MM/DD/YEAR):	_____

Please email this completed and signed document along with your application as a single PDF to NTI@hopefordepression.org or mail the material to: Hope for Depression Research Foundation, New Treatment Initiative, 40 W 57 Street, Suite 1440, New York, NY 10019 (Tel 212-676-3203).