

ABC Guide to ADRD Research

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So, you want to do ADRD research??



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TEAM/MENTORSHIP

- Be genuine
- Augment your strengths with a team...identify key areas
- At least one key investigator or mentor (for K etc) with ADRD background (NIH grants, professional focus)
- If administering cognitive tests, consider a neuropsychologist
- Imaging or diagnostic experts?
- Don't forget about consultants at other institutions
- Each with a clear role/complementary expertise
- Don't wait until last minute

REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

- If know review committee roster, be savvy ...lots of neurologists, then consider adding one etc
- Many ADRD grants now reviewed by a large SEP roster with rotating members, so harder to identify likely reviewers and may not be the same if do a revision
- Read RFA/NOGA carefully
- Many ADRD grants now refer to NIH Research Implementation Milestones and ask to identify which milestone is being addressed
- Work with PO

WINNING IDEAS

- Don't go too far out of your lane!
- Be creative
- Show how feasible, novel and significant
- Science is still king!
- Showcase team
- Trajectory of career
- Why your expertise enhances ADRD field