

**Davis Phinney Foundation Request for Proposals
May 1, 2021**

Mission Statement

The mission of the Davis Phinney Foundation is to help people with Parkinson's live well today. We do this by providing education, tools, resources, and inspiration that touch on every aspect of life: physical, emotional, intellectual, social, and financial. And we fund research that seeks to improve the quality of life today and in the future for those living with Parkinson's.

Award Details for Grant Cycle 2021-2022

The Davis Phinney Foundation seeks to award research grants to investigators with innovative research ideas that will improve the quality of life for people with Parkinson's. Only projects with high relevance to the stated mission of the Foundation will be supported. Applications from new investigators in the field of Parkinson's research will be given higher priority. Projects should be positioned to generate pilot data for a larger project (e.g., NIH R01) or seek to deliver a tool or therapeutic approach or intervention that will be applicable to persons with Parkinson's on the near horizon. All applications should have a well-defined research question and analysis plan and interventional trials or studies should be appropriately powered. The relevance to quality of life in Parkinson's should be clearly described.

2021-2022 research priorities:

- Relationship between exercise and non-motor symptoms in Parkinson's
- Investigation or treatment of sleep disorders in Parkinson's

Projects seeking to establish community programs are not appropriate for this request for proposals, and should instead apply here: <https://davisphinneyfoundation.org/connect/healthy-parkinsons-communities/grants/>

Level of Support

The Davis Phinney Foundation will fund a maximum of two grants in 2021 and commit up to \$150k to be used for research expenses, inclusive of indirect costs, which are limited to 15%. We will fund both one and two-year studies, but that does not change the dollar amount of funding we will grant. Funding for publication costs >\$2000 will not be supported. Travel costs to conferences for purposes of presenting project data up to \$2000 is acceptable.

Eligibility

Basic and clinical researchers from US and non-US public and private non-profit entities, such as universities, colleges, and hospitals are eligible to apply. The Foundation will not support commercial entities without academic partnerships.

Timelines

Letter of Intent (LOI)	June 30, 2021, 5:00 pm MDT
Notification of invitation to submit full application	August 23, 2021
Full application deadline	October 1, 2021, 5:00 pm MDT
Notification of award(s)	November 8, 2021

Application Process and Selection Criteria

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

- **Relevance** (Does the project fit within the Davis Phinney Foundation's 2021 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 for those living with Parkinson's?)
- **Approach** (Does the project have an appropriate and achievable design and timeline? Is a clear research question identified?)
- **Equity and Inclusion** (Does the project seek to include people living with Parkinson's from diverse backgrounds?)

LOIs should be organized in the following format, covering no more than two pages:

- Principal Investigator Contact Information (institution, mailing address, email, phone)
- Project Title
- Project Objectives
- Impact of the Project on Living Well with Parkinson's
- Project Design Summary (brief description of project design, measurement of outcomes, and efforts toward equity and inclusion)
- Deliverables/Final Project Outcome(s)
- Project Timeline (brief description of project activity, must begin in 2022, should not exceed two years)
- Key Personnel (name, credentials, institution, project role)

If invited to submit a full application, the application should be submitted in an NIH-style format that will be specified in the application portal and should delineate efforts to include people living with Parkinson's from diverse backgrounds. Applications will be reviewed according to the NIH core review criteria:

Significance, Investigator, Innovation, Approach, and Environment.