



National Tay-Sachs &
Allied Diseases Association

2025 NTSAD Research Initiative Program Request for Proposals (RFP)

About Us

National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association (NTSAD) is one of the oldest patient advocacy organizations in the country. NTSAD's mission is to lead the fight to treat and cure Tay-Sachs, Canavan, GM-1, and Sandhoff diseases by driving research, forging collaboration, and fostering community. Supporting families is the center of everything we do. NTSAD remains committed to advancing and funding research, and first launched its Research Initiative in 2002, which to date has made investments of more than \$5.1 million in 75 grants that have been leveraged to more than \$10 million of investments in additional research, leading to new therapies in Tay-Sachs, Canavan, GM1, and Sandhoff diseases.

In addition to funds from NTSAD, the Canavan Foundation is partnering with NTSAD in this funding round and may support selected projects that align with the foundation's mission and grant-making priorities.



Award Description

Funding will be awarded up to \$25,000 total for one year. Awards are inclusive of indirect costs not to exceed 5%. Prior approvals must be secured prior to acceptance of grant payment.

Research Initiative Program Objective

NTSAD's Research Initiative Program is soliciting proposals for innovative research projects. Due to prior commitments to support ongoing GM1 and GM2 research, this year's request for proposals is focused on **research on Canavan Disease only**. We are interested in all aspects of

therapeutic discovery. Basic research and translational studies are strongly encouraged to generate strong preliminary data to enable major funding by other third parties in the future.

Application Process and Grant Review

There is a two-step application process. First, a one-page letter of intent (pre-application) must be submitted. The letter of intent will be reviewed by a sub-committee of NTSAD's scientific advisors. A select group of applicants will be invited to submit full applications for further review and funding consideration by NTSAD and the Canavan Foundation. An invitation to submit a full application should not be interpreted as a commitment to fund.

Pre-application

The pre-application should include:

- Title of project, names of Principal Investigator (PI), co-PIs, and associated institutions.
- Overall goal of the project.
- Three to five bullet points outlining how the application meets the RFP criteria.
- Statement of translation describing how the proposed study can be translated into therapeutic development.
- Specific aims.
- Requested resources.

Additional pages: Please submit a bio-sketch for the PI in NIH bio-sketch format (no more than five pages).

Pre-applications must be submitted as a PDF document to vgreger@ntsad.org by 5 p.m. ET on December 2, 2024.

Schedule

Pre-application deadline	December 2, 2024
Invitation to submit a full application	December 16, 2024
Full application deadline	February 18, 2025
Award announcement	April 2025
Executed grant agreement due	May 15, 2025
Earliest anticipated start date	June 2025