Funding Agency: Michael J. Fox Parkinson’s Research Foundation

Call type and title: 4 Funding Programs - all over the year

1. Rapid Response Innovation Awards 2014

One-year grants to jump start new ideas in PD research. An Edmond J. Safra Core Program for PD Research.

RRIA supports innovative, high-risk, high-reward projects tackling critical scientific and therapeutic roadblocks that, if successful, open new avenues for PD therapy development. The program accelerates work in real time through the use of a unique rolling submission deadline and six-weeks-or-less funding decisions. The program is well suited to projects with little-to-no existing preliminary data, but where hypothetical rationale is highly compelling and study results can make the case for continuing (or discontinuing) a line of research. Applicants may submit on any PD-relevant area of basic, preclinical and/or clinical research with a clear, achievable one-year goal.

Budget: RRIA supports one-year grants up to $75,000 total costs inclusive of both direct and indirect costs.

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2. Dyskinesia Challenge 2014

One-year grants to identify and validate novel dyskinesia targets.

The Dyskinesia Challenge 2014 program seeks proposals focused on identifying and validating novel and innovative targets that will complement current MJFF efforts in the discovery and development of dyskinesia therapies.

Budget: MJFF intends to fund multiple proposals as part of this initiative. Invited applicants may request a project up to one year in duration and $125,000 in total costs

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3. LRRK2 Challenge 2014

The LRRK2 Challenge 2014 program seeks proposals focused on relevant areas of LRRK2 that can help achieve the following goals:

- Improve biological understanding of LRRK2 function and PD-associated dysfunction to inform effective therapeutic targeting of LRRK2;
- Identify and overcome barriers to developing LRRK2-targeted therapies through engagement with Industry and the LRRK2 therapeutic field.
- Improve clinical understanding of LRRK2 parkinsonism that can inform ultimate therapeutic clinical trials;
- Develop critical LRRK2 research tools that can enable and accelerate the field.

Budget: MJFF intends to fund multiple proposals as part of this initiative. Invited applicants may request up to one year and $125,000 in total costs, inclusive of both direct and indirect costs.
4. Neurotrophic Factors Challenge 2014

The purpose of the Neurotrophic Factors Challenge 2014 program is to address the following key topic areas:

- Given that several rodent studies have shown that neurotrophic factors are not effective in alpha-synuclein models MJFF is interested in projects aimed at understanding the interactions between neurotrophic factors and alpha-synuclein that could inform future therapeutic strategies.
- MJFF continues to be interested in novel neurotrophic factors that may be more efficacious than known neurotrophic factors or possess properties, such as brain penetrability, that make them more desirable as potential therapeutics.
- The delivery of neurotrophic factors continues to be problematic and invasive. MJFF would like to support efforts to develop noninvasive approaches to deliver neurotrophic factors to the brain.

**Budget**: MJFF intends to fund multiple proposals as part of this initiative. Invited applicants may request a project up to one year in duration and $125,000 in total costs.

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**For More Information**

1. **Rapid Response Innovation Awards**  
   [https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=3](https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=3)

2. **Dyskinesia Challenge 2014**  
   [https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=5](https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=5)

3. **LRRK2 Challenge 2014**  
   [https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=4](https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=4)

4. **Neurotrophic Factors Challenge 2014**  
   [https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=6](https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/grant-detail.php?id=6)

**How to submit**

Applications must be submitted to Research Authority by email: michalsh@ariel.ac.il  
**before electronic submission**

Additional, you requested to send me this "Proposal Form" with signature of head of department before submission.

**Funding Agency Homepage**  
[https://www.michaeljfox.org/301.html?id=7](https://www.michaeljfox.org/301.html?id=7)