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**Funding Agency:** Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Research Foundation

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research (MJFF) seeks to stimulate development of Parkinson’s disease (PD) therapeutics with potential for fundamentally altering disease course and/or significantly improving treatment of symptoms above and beyond current standards of care.

**Call types and titles:** Therapeutic Pipeline Program

Part of our *Edmond J. Safra Core Programs for PD Research*, the Therapeutic Pipeline Program supports Parkinson's disease therapeutic development along the pre-clinical and clinical path (both drug and non-pharmacological therapeutics, including gene therapy, biological, surgical and non-invasive approaches). The Michael J. Fox Foundation seeks applications with potential for fundamentally altering disease course and/or significantly improving treatment of symptoms above and beyond current standards of care. Proposals must have a well-defined plan for moving toward clinical utility for patients.

**Disease-modifying strategies**

Proposals may aim to achieve the following, though there are no restrictions on application goals:

- Protect or restore degenerating and/or dysfunctional neurons affected in PD. Proposals may address:
  - Protein folding
  - Mitochondrial function
  - Inflammation
  - Oxidative stress
  - Alpha-synuclein
  - LRRK2
  - GBA

**Symptomatic strategies**

Proposals may aim to achieve the following, though there are no restrictions on application goals:

- Alleviate disabling motor symptoms of PD
  - Levodopa-responsive
  - Non-levodopa-responsive, such as gait disturbances and falls, and speech and swallowing disorders
- Alleviate non-motor symptoms of PD
  - Cognitive dysfunction
  - Mood disorders
  - Autonomic dysfunction
  - Sleep disorders
- Alleviate complications of PD treatment
  - Dyskinesia
  - Impulse-control disorders
  - Other disabling side effects

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