



Request for Proposals for the LBDA Mentorship Program Award

Open Date: Monday, Sept. 13, 2021

Submission Deadline: Monday, Oct. 25, 2021, by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

The goal of this program is to promote the continued development of newly trained clinician-researchers, or experienced clinician-researchers new to LBD, into world-class LBD investigators. This might include individuals with fellowship training in movement disorders, behavioral neurology, geriatric psychiatry, or geriatric medicine. The initiative focuses on the mentorship of young or experienced investigators committed to clinical research in the Lewy body dementia arena by seasoned, established LBD investigators.

While there are several courses and conferences that an early-stage investigator can participate in, there is no substitute for a personal mentor-mentee relationship, where the mentor can review the mentee's proposed initiative(s), and meet with the mentee's team, local set up, and provide in-person advice.

Available Funds: LBDA will award up to 4 awards of \$4,000 (including up to a maximum of 10% indirect costs) for the mentee's proposed project and/or mentee conference/travel costs. Mentors will receive a \$2,000 honorarium.

Mentee Requirements:

1. Based in the U.S.
2. Affiliated with an LBDA Research Center of Excellence. (For the 2022 Mentorship Program Award only.)
3. Within 10 years of their fellowship training
4. With a proposed area of investigation in Lewy body dementias.
5. Cannot have applied for a LBDA Mentorship Program Award within the last 12 months.
6. Completion of final written progress report.

The Mentee's Project:

- Project period is 1 year, beginning March 1, 2022 and ending February 28, 2023.
- Needs to be an investigation into an aspect of LBD.
- The investigators/research can be basic, translational, or clinical.
- The short and long-term goals of the project and how the completion of the project will enhance the applicant's career should be clearly stated.
- The reason(s) why mentorship is critical to the project should be described.



Mentor Requirements:

1. Established and independently funded LBD investigators (e.g., National Institutes of Health, Veterans Administration, National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, philanthropic foundations) in the areas of their mentee's interest.
2. Must be based in the U.S. and be from outside of the mentee's institution.
3. Priority given to Investigators who have not previously served as a Mentor in the program.
4. Mentors are highly encouraged to deliver one lecture in person or virtually (e.g. Grand Rounds, teaching conference, a roundtable discussion with the local team).
5. The mentor must agree to have 2-3 brief teleconferences with the mentee throughout the year to follow up on the progress of the mentee's project.

Potential Mentors: Mentors will have the opportunity to accept or decline invitations from LBDA to mentor potential mentees. If interested in serving as a mentor, please send the following information to Angela Taylor, ataylor@LBDA.org.

- A short bio including any mentoring experience, maximum length 500 words
- An NIH-style biosketch
- A headshot

Proposal Deadline and Requirements:

- An electronic copy of the completed Mentee Application in pdf-format must be received by LBDA on or before Monday, Oct. 25, 2021, by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Applications should be sent by email to Angela Taylor at ataylor@LBDA.org.
- The mentee's project budget must not exceed \$4,000, including up to a maximum of 10% for indirect costs.

All applications should be received electronically on or before above deadlines. Applications will be reviewed by the LBDA Research Mentoring Working Group and applicants notified of selection for funding approximately 90 days after the submission deadline.