

The Weston Brain Institute has up to \$10m in funding available through the 2019 programs that are currently accepting applications. A full list of programs can be found [here](#). In particular, please note that the deadline of the Rapid Response and Transformational Research Canada 2019 Parkinson's & Related Diseases program has been extended. **The LOI deadline is now May 15, 2019.**

Several exciting changes have been made to these programs, including increasing the Rapid Response budget to \$300,000 and allowing more kinds of interventions such as cognitive therapy. More information is on our [website](#) and below.

Please kindly share this message with your colleagues and researchers.



Canadian program updates

1. The **LOI deadline is extended to May 15th for the current Parkinson's & Related Diseases** Rapid Response and Transformational Research programs.
2. Complementary approaches such as **diet, physical activity, sleep, nutritional supplements, speech therapy, and cognitive therapy are now eligible** for all funding programs.
3. Rapid Response **budget increased to \$300k/project.**
4. Transformational Research - **Preliminary data is not required.** This data can be collected as initial steps in the grant instead.
5. Encouraging applications that bring in expertise in other fields to accelerate therapeutic development for neurodegenerative diseases of aging such as **AI, big data, machine learning, data science, and computer science.**

Important dates

Rapid Response: Canada 2019 and Transformational Research: Canada 2019

The Rapid Response and Transformational Research 2019 programs share deadlines within disease streams as follows:

Parkinson's & Related Diseases:	
Program information webinar:	April 3, 2019 at 1pm EDT (Register here)
LOI deadline:	March 13 May 15, 2019 at 2:00pm EDT (UPDATED)
Proposal deadline:	July 16 September 25, 2019 at 2:00pm EDT
Anticipated award notification:	September December 2019

Alzheimer's & Related Diseases:	
Program information webinar:	February 27, 2019 at 1pm EST (Register here)
LOI deadline:	April 1, 2019 at 2:00pm EDT
Proposal deadline:	July 30, 2019 at 2:00pm EDT
Anticipated award notification:	October 2019

Rapid Response: Canada 2019

Streams: 1) Alzheimer's & Related Diseases, 2) Parkinson's & Related Diseases

Seed funding for novel, high-risk, high-reward translational research projects on neurodegenerative diseases of aging. Preliminary data is not required.

Applications must relate to one of the following disease(s):

PD stream: PD, PSP, DLB, MSA, and vascular contributions and prodromes to the listed diseases

AD stream: AD, FTD, and vascular contributions and prodromes to the listed diseases

Funding available: Up to **\$300,000** over up to 18 months.

Project eligibility: Project must involve the development of either a therapeutic, a tool, select complementary approaches, or a combination of above to help accelerate the development of therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases of aging.

Please see the Requests for Applications for [Parkinson's Disease & Related Disorders](#) or [Alzheimer's & Related Diseases](#), or [visit our website](#) for more information.

Transformational Research: Canada 2019

Streams: 1) Alzheimer's & Related Diseases, 2) Parkinson's & Related Diseases

Funding for transformative, novel, high-risk, high-reward translational research projects on neurodegenerative diseases of aging.

Applications must relate to one of the following disease(s):

PD stream: PD, PSP, DLB, MSA, and vascular contributions and prodromes to the listed diseases.

AD stream: AD, FTD, and vascular contributions and prodromes to the listed diseases.

Funding available: \$200,000 to \$1,500,000 over up to 3 years.

No preliminary data is required; instead it can be collected as an initial milestone with well defined, quantifiable go/no-go criteria.

Project eligibility: Project must involve the development of either a therapeutic, a tool, select complementary approaches, or a combination of the above to help accelerate the development of therapeutics for neurodegenerative diseases of aging.

Please see the Requests for Applications for [Parkinson's Disease & Related Disorders](#) or [Alzheimer's & Related Diseases](#), or [visit our website](#) for more information.

If you can have any questions about any of the above programs, please [contact us](#).

Important: Please note that the email addresses and phone numbers of all Institute staff were updated in March 2018. Please visit the [staff website](#) for updated credentials. As of March 22, 2019, emails sent to the old domain [@weston.ca](#) and calls to the old phone numbers will not be received. Please update your contacts accordingly.

Thank you,
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